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" PENINSULAR	6267	T. Leigh	27th "
M.L. CALEDONIA	7508	E. H. Gordon	4th May
" ARABIA	7963	J. L. Parfitt	11th "
M.L. PENINSULAR	6267	T. Leigh	18th "
" ORIENTAL	5264	J. F. Jephson	25th "
M.L. ARABIA	7963	J. L. Parfitt	1st June
" PERSIA	8003	W. A. Wheler	8th "
M.L. ORIENTAL	5264	J. F. Jephson	15th "
" EGYPT	7912	G. L. Langborne	22nd "
M.L. PERSIA	8003	W. A. Wheler	29th "

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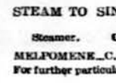

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		10 years.	15 years.	20 years.	15 years.	20 years.	25 years.	
	Rs. a.	Rs. a.	Rs. a.	Rs. a.	Rs. a.	Rs. a.	Rs. a.	
20	21 10	48 8	36 6	30 7	64 5	47 6	37 11	20
21	22 1	49 4	36 14	30 15	64 6	47 8	37 13	21
22	22 9	50 0	37 7	31 7	64 8	47 10	37 15	22
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24	23 9	51 8	38 10	32 7	64 11	47 14	38 4	24
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BOMBAY MARKET REPORT.

FRIDAY EVENING, APRIL 19.

2 3-4 per cent. Consols.....	£ 95 1-16 —	3 8
3 per cent. Rentes.....	£101 1-4	unchanged
3 1-2 per cent. Sterling Loan.....	£108	do
3 1-2 per cent. Govt. Securities.....	£93 5-8	do
Bar Silver in London.....	27 3-8	plus 3-16
„ New York.....	59 5-8	plus 3-8
Exchange on London at Paris ..	25 18	plus 1-2
„ New York.....	487 7-8	unchanged.
Discount Bank of England	4 p. c.	do
„ Short London Bills	3 1-2 p. c.	do
„ Indian Bank Bills.....	3 1-2 p. c.	do
Rapeseed, Brown, sellers, April-May..	37s.	3d. = —
	6d. steady.	
Linseed, business done, April-May ...	50s. 9d.	= —3d
	easier.	

The Bank of England returns for the week show the following results :—

Total Bullion.....	£35 100,000 plus £1,300 000
Public Deposits ...	£9,700,000 plus £2,300 000
Other do. ...	£38 100,000 — £1,700 000
Other Securities ...	£28,500,000 — £1,200 000
Notes and Gold...	£23,700,000 plus £1,700 000

The Bank's reserve is 49 per cent. of the liabilities.

EXCHANGE.

The week under report up to yesterday has been of the usual monotonous tone that has prevailed for so long, but with a better allotment of Council bills on Wednesday and a stiffer feeling over the Money Market with the Bank of Bengal cash balance down 50 lacs since last week, rates firmed up and during the day a large business was done both in Bank Telegraphic at 1s. 3 15-16d. and 3 months' sight credits at 1s. 4 5-32d. but principally in the latter which rate was not available on closing.

To-day rates have settled down to the level of 1-32nd higher all round as under :—

Bank Telegraphic Transfers.....	1s. 3 15-16d.
„ Demand.....	1s. 3 31-32d.
3 months' sight Credits.....	1s. 4 3-16d.
Private Bills.....	170
Shanghai, 30 days' sight	193
Hongkong „	145
Japan „	148

GOVERNMENT PAPER.

The market has been weak since last writing and has fallen about 10 annas with downward tendency caused by the fresh tightness in the Money Market which has sprung up during the week under report. The business passed during the week was satisfactory with more sellers in ready paper which is quoted about one to one and a half annas lower than for the settlement. The sudden tightness has for sellers of ready paper on to the market which has brought down the rate. On Monday the market opened at Rs. 96-2 and gradually declined till it touched as low as Rs. 97-5 on closing this evening at which rate there were a few buyers. The presiding banks have kept their rate of interest unchanged to 6 per cent. Though the local Banks have taken short deposits from 4 1-2 to 5 per cent. yet it is very difficult to secure money on good securities even at 5 1-2 per cent. in the open market. Small clean pieces are quoted about 2 annas higher than for the settlement. Municipal and Port Trust Bonds are quiet at previous quotations.

FREIGHTS.

There has been much less doing this week as compared with last in an easier market.

The fixtures reported are The Ville de Majunga May-June loading for two French ports at 15s ; the St Oswald for May, one picked port at 16s. with Hamburg at 16s. 6d. ; the Argo reported fired at home for May-June loading from Bombay at 15s. 9d. one port, and the Mahratta for May-June at 15s. 6d. for one port, and 16s. for two. A line of 3,000 tons is reported to have been taken by a speculator in the Methley Hall May loading at 16s, for Liverpool. while another line for Amsterdam has been taken at 16s 6d also for May and 3000 tons have been booked for London for May to July at 15s. A fair amount of booking for Continental ports has been going on, cotton for Liverpool and Hamburg at 17s. 6d., seeds April shipment 16s. 6d. for Antwerp 17s. Dunkirk and Havre, 17s. 6d., Hamburg and cotton for Liverpool at 18s. A few rates have been on the market at 15s. 9d. this month for Havre and Antwerp with 6d. more for Havre and Dunkirk for next month and another was going in the Nuave for Antwerp at 16s., possibly 15s. 9d.

COALS.

There has been only a trifling business done during the week but a very good enquiry exists for most descriptions though dealers are difficult to deal with. For Deshargur for next year there are buyers at Rs. 14-8 without finding sellers.

In Jardines there is a good enquiry for this and next year at Rs. 13-12 but sellers ask 4 annas more. The only sales reported are in all 13,000 tons of Japanese at Rs. 12-8.

The tax of 1s. per ton on coals exported from the home side as telegraphed out by Reuter's in its summary of the English budget should have a strengthening effect on Bengal qualities.

WHEAT.

The market has been fluctuating since we last wrote, advancing as high as Rs. 4-6, but closing quiet at Rs 4-5 for White Delhi, April May arrivals 125,102 Cwts.

SEEDS.

LINSEED.—Owing to strong advices from Home and a good demand on this side the price has advanced rapidly during the week with a large business being done in the market. Small clean pieces are quoted about 2 annas higher than for the settlement. Municipal and Port Trust Bonds are quiet at previous quotations.

STOCKS AND SHARES.

The Share Market has been quieter with a downward feeling and more sellers especially as regards mill scrip. Bank of Bombay shares have declined to 1250 while Commercial are quite neglected at 48. Press Shares are quiet at previous quotations but few transactions are reported. Mofussils are quoted quiet at 417 1-2, Indians at 156 1-4 and New Berars at 557 1-2. In Railway Companies, Tapti Valley shares, after touching 460, are again quiet at 455, while Prantej shares have declined to 650. In miscellaneous shares, Badhams are quiet at 158, Delhi Flour at 145, Bombay Ice at 54, and Marcks at 142. Port Canning shares have changed hands at 472 1-2 and Kemps at 362. Bombay Flour have improved to 840. In Mill scrip China mill shares are quiet at 390, Queen's at 400, Howard Bullough at 450, Connaught at 490, and Leopolds at 145, while Morarjee shares have declined to 1375, Petits to 1685, Currimbhoy's to 515, Davids to 170, and Standards to 215. Colaba Land and Mill shares have changed hands at 270 The remaining companies are more or less

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SAINT THOMAS' CATHEDRAL.

7-30 a.m.—Matins.

9 a.m.—Holy Communion—(Choral)—Agutter in G.

Pater noster"—Merbecke.

Hymns—Introit 1, 126, 315 and 293.

3 p.m.—Sunday School.

6 p.m.—Evensong and Sermon.

Hymns—137, 499 and 232.

Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis—Goodenough XXII evening; and Ousley XXIII morning.

The collections are for Church Expenses.

Daily Matins at 6-45 a.m. and Evensong at 5 p.m.

Tuesday and Thursday Holy Communion at 7-15 a.m.

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST, COLABA.

(Afghan Memorial Church.)

8 a.m.—Missa Cantata—Tours in F.

Hymns—193, 318 and 324.

11 a.m.—Parade Service.—Choral, Matins and Sermon.

Hymns—146, 196 and 225.

6 p.m.—Choral Evensong and Sermon.

Hymns—25, 126 and 28.

MISSION CHURCH, GIRGAUM.

11 a.m.—Morning Prayer and Sermon by Rev. H. McNiele.

6 p.m.—Evening Prayer, Holy Communion and Sermon by Rev. H. McNeile.

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, ESPLANADE.

(Near School of Art.)

8 a.m.—Holy Communion.

Hymns—129, 197 and 222.

6 p.m.—Evening Prayer and Sermon.

Hymns—140, 193 and 24.

The Offertories for Church Expenses.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, MAZAGON

6 a.m.—Holy Eucharist.

7 a.m.—Holy Eucharist (choral) Preacher, Rev. Father Nicolson.

10 a.m.—Children's Service.

10-45 a.m.—Matins.

6 p.m.—Evensong (Choral). Preacher Rev. Father Tovey. Alms for Church Expenses.

ST. NICHOLAS SEAMEN'S CHURCH.

Opposite the Main Gate of Prince's Dock.

8 a.m.—Matins.

6-30 p.m.—Evensong and Sermon.

Daily Services.

7-15 a.m.—Matins.

7 p.m.—Evensong.

The north door of the Church is left open every day till sunset for private prayer.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH,

(Church of Scotland.)

11 a.m.—Joint Service—Psalm 46, tune 124.

Hymns—128, 161 and 149.

4-30 p.m.—Sunday School.

6 p.m.—Evening Service, Psalm 119 version 33 tune 168.

Hymns—21, 149 and 25; 2nd tune, Paraphrase 66, tune 176.

Collection for Church expenses.

CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN, PAREL.

Madras Time.

8 a.m.—Celebration of the Holy Eucharist.

9-30 a.m.—Matins.

Hymns—220 and 164.

5-30 p.m.—Sunday School.

6-30 p.m.—Evensong and Sermon.

Hymns.—197, 133 and 302.

SAINT STEPHEN'S CHURCH, BANDRA.

11 a.m.—Matins. Sermon and Celebration of the Holy Eucharist.

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, MALABAR HILL,

7-30 a.m.—Matins.

8 a.m.—Holy Communion.

6 p.m.—Evensong and Sermon.

THE WEATHER.

OBSERVATIONS TAKEN AT 8 A.M., ON FRIDAY, THE 19TH OF APRIL.

SUMMARY.

There has been a brisk to rapid fall of pressure in Sind, the Punjab and North-West Provinces, Rajputana and at Deesa, Bhuj, Neemuch, Hoshangabad, Malegaon, Secunderabad, Masulipatam, Cuddapah, Madras and Negapatam, and slight changes elsewhere. The distribution is irregular, and the baric gradients are moderate to slight.

An unusual south-westerly wind is blowing at Ratnagiri and Bombay, while calmus and variable breezes prevail elsewhere. The force has been moderate to light.

The greatest departures noticeable in the day and night temperatures are:—Maximum 5° to 15° in excess at Cochin and Karachi; and 5° to 11° in defect at Jaipur, Delhi, Lahore, Neemuch, Agra and Jhansi; minimum 5° to 11° in defect at Cawnpore, Delhi, Lahore, Neemuch, Jubbulpore, Hoshangabad, Agra, Ajmere, Indore, Jhansi, Deesa and Khandwa. The highest temperature in the shade was 109° at Amraoti, and the lowest 58° at Sirsa.

Humidity changes are small and the skies are cloudy in Ceylon, on the Malabar Coast, in the Madras Presidency and the Punjab.

A quarter-of-an inch of rain has fallen at Cochin; about a quarter of an inch at Calicut, and light showers at Mangalore.

Pressure is abnormally low for this time of the year, but as the fall is general and day and night temperatures are not generally in large excess of normal, there is at present nothing important in the weather. Weather seems to be favouable for thunderstorms with rain on the Malabar Coast.

K. A. KENYON,

Meteorological Reporter for Western India

METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS.

GOVERNMENT OBSERVATORY, COLABA.

Bombay, 19th April, 1901.

Means of observations taken at 6 a.m., 10 a.m., 2 p.m. 4 p.m. and 10 p.m.

Barometer corrected 32 dev. Fah.	inches 29·756
Temperature of Wet Air	degrees 81·6
Wet Bulb Thermometer	78·7
Dew Point	76·9
Relative humidity of Air	87·2
Extent of cloudy sky (the whole sky clouded=10)	9·6
Maximum temperature of air (read at 8 a.m.) next day	degrees 89·2
Minimum do. (read at 8 a.m.)	79·2
General Directions of wind*	N.W. S. W. S.W. W.
Movement of Wind in 24 hours*	miles 157

* From midnight to midnight.

N. A. F. MOOS,

Director, Government Observatory.

THERMOMETER READINGS.

THURSDAY NIGHT—April 18.

10 p.m.	81·9

FRIDAY—April 19.

8 a.m.	78·4
10 a.m.	83·2
2 p.m.	87·4
4 p.m.	86·9

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

THE BISN Co's s s Onda, 3,469 tons, Captain C H Stant, will sail to day, for Calcutta, in ballast.

THE s s Borneo, 2,100 tons, Captain S Raicich, sailed yesterday, for Genoa, with a general cargo.

THE Anchor Line s s Arabia, 2,330 tons, Captain George Read, will sail to-day, for Havre, with a general cargo and the following passengers:—Col Churchill and 2 sons, Mr Jackson, 3 Misses Churchill, Mrs Faulconer, Miss Faulconer, Mrs Mosey-Shovan and child, Mrs Jackson and 2 children, and 2 Misses Churchill.

VESSELS IN DOCKS.—APRIL 19.

PRINCE'S DOCK.

Shed.	Vessel.	Ton	Capt.	Destination	Date.	Agent
B	Florida	2030	Chapman			J Mackintosh
C	Kelvindale	2040	Bradley	Dunkirk		W A G & Co
D	Ismaila	3351	Kilpatrick			M M & Co
F	Sindhana	2203	Smith			M M & Co
H	Muke Maru	3981	Yagi	Yokohama	30-4	N Y Kaisha
M	Monsouri	1745	Bennett	Red Sea	24-4	B & I S N Co
N	Arabia	2330	Read	Havre	30-4	W A G & Co
O	Borneo	2100	Raicich	Genoa	29-4	W & A G & Co

HARBOUR WALL.

Bahaduri	829	Beours	Mangalore	19-4 Shepd & Co
Kaveri	563	Ahmed	Bhownagar	19-4 Do
Indravati	513	Noormahomed	Kchi	20-4 Do

VICTORIA DOCK.

Shed.	Vessel.	Ton.	Capt.	Destination.	Date.	Agent
1	Parramatta	2854	Denny	Repairing		P & O Co
3	Independent	1841	Anfoso	Venice	26-4	G Bogciano
5	W Bridge	2208	Pallister	Rangoon	21-4	W&A G&Co
6	Bengal	2722	Barcham	China	23-4	O S N Co
8	Imani	2979	Peaudey	Antwerp	23-4	K N & Co
9	Barbara	2414	Voss	Liverpool	30-4	J Mackintosh
12	Egypt	4178	Langborne	Lisbon	29-4	P & O Co
14	Kola	497	Tico	Karachi	19-4	M M & Co

HARBOUR WALL.

Pachumba	497	Tico	Karachi	23-4 M M & Co

* Probable date of departure.

The following vessels obtained their port-clearances yesterday:—

Steamer Arabia, Read, for Havre.
" Borneo, Raicich, for Genoa,
" Onda, stunt, for Calcutta.

The following vessels entered for loading yesterday:—

Steamer Muke Maru, for China and Japan.
" Simla, for Persian Gulf.

DAILY IMPORTS.—APRIL 19.

FROM GLASGOW.

Nubia s—561 cases whisky and 18 cases gingerwine, D Dadabhoy; 378 cases whisky and 23 cases gingerwine, D Cowasjee.

City of Lucknow s—203 cases whisky, D Cowasjee.

Australia s—56 cases whisky, H S Smith and Co; 30 cases whisky, H J Rustomjee and Co.

FROM LIVERPOOL.

City of Lucknow s—115 cases candles, R A Hoosein, Assan Hall s—400 boxes bar soap, E M Addeally.

FROM LONDON.

Caledonia s—26 cases confectionery, S Nuzerally; 122 cases provision, &c, D Cowasjee; 23 cases provision, Eduljee and Co.

Egypt s—25 cases whisky, H J Rustomjee and Co.

Persia s—17 cases oilmenstores, &c, A A Sarmally.

Peninsular s—13 cases whisky, Erlsson and Co.

Sobraon s—25 cases gin, H J Rustomjee and Co.

FROM ANTWERP.

Rudenburg s—354 cases window glass, S Mamoojee; 167 cases window glass, A E Ebrampjee; 110 cases window glass, H Allibhoy; 236 cases window glass, A Noorbhoy; 101 cases window glass, T Ebrampjee; 275 cases window glass, T Ebrampjee; 275 cases window glass, S Abrampjee; 117 cases brandy, D Cowasjee; 273 cases window glass, A Noorbhoy.

Caledonia s—35 cases gin, C Shroff.

FROM BOULOGNE.

Caledonia s—19 cases brandy, H S Nariman and Co.

FROM HAMBURG.

Rheinfels s—134 cases whisky, H J Rustomjee and Co.

Steinberger s—15 cases rum, H J Rustomjee and Co.

Johannisberger s—10 cases whisky, H J Rustomjee and Co.

Rudelsburg s—21 cases whisky, H J Rustomjee and Co.

FROM HULL.

Lido s—10 cases gin, H J Rustomjee and Co.

FROM BORDEAUX.

Caledonia s—7 cases brandy, D Dadabhoy; 10 cases brandy, Nowrojee Ardaseer and Sons.

Eden Hall s—20 cases brandy, H J Rustomjee and Co.

FROM BREMEN.

Rudelsburg s—165 cases ale, H J Rustomjee and Co.

FROM CHARANTE.

Caledonia s—37 cases brandy, Mr P Maria.

DAILY EXPORTS.—APRIL 19.

FOR LIVERPOOL.

Barbara s—300 bales cotton, Gaddum and Co; 57 bales cotton, David Sassoon and Co; 1,515 cwt myrabolams, Wagjee Hechur; 200 barrels oil cake. The New Motaseil Co Ld; 107 bales cott n, Ralli Brothers.

FOR LONDON.

Egypt s—1 1-4 cwt ivory, Nanjeebhoy Mcanee and Co.

FOR DUNKIRK.

Kelvindale s—2,001 cwt rapeseed, 1,000 cwt linseed, A Blaicheck and Co; 2,010 cwt poppyseed, Khakk Nixon and Co; 1,020 bales cotton, Gaddum and Co; 1,000 cwt rapeseed, Mumaji Rambhaghat; 2,000 cwt linseed, 2,000 cwt rapeseed, Wagjee Bechar; 3,005 cwt poppyseed, David Sassoon and Co.

Barbara s—300 bales cotton, Volkart Brothers; 2,001 cwt rapeseed, A Blaicheck and Co; 3,300 cwt linseed, 500 cwt poppyseed, 2,000 cwt mustard, 402 cwt gum, Volkart brothers; 1,160 bales cotton, Ralli Brothers; 2,850 cwt rapeseed, 900 cwt poppyseed, E D Sassoon and Co; 2,000 cwt linseed, E D Sassoon and Co; 2,000 cwt linseed, David Sassoon and Co; 330 bales cotton, E Spinner and Co

FOR ANTWERP.

Imani s—395 bales cotton, Ralli Brothers; 1,030 cwt castorseed, Magjee Vulmodas; 1,000 cwt poppyseed, Wagjee Bechar.

Forerie s—2,000 cwt rapeseed, Forbes Forbes and Co; 5,553 cwt rapeseed, Dharsee Nanjee and Co; 4,000 cwt rapeseed, Nansee Khairaz and Co; 10,000 cwt rice, D Nanjee and Co; 500 cwt myrabolams, H Joosub and Co.

FOR TRIESTE.

Independent s—2,001 cwt groundnuts, Oxen and Okell; 2,001 cwt gingelyseed, E D Sassoon and Co.

FOR VENICE.

Independent s—715 cwt castorseed, Volkart Brothers; 500 bales cotton, Gaddum and Co.

FOR KOBE.

Muke Maru s—1,300 bales cotton, C Ebrahim and Co; 703 bales cotton, The Micat S Kisha; 1,500 bales cotton, Sassoon J David and Co; 700 bales twist Tata and Co, Mazagon s—350 bales cotton, C Ebrahim and Co.

FOR YOKOHAMA.

Muke Maru s—200 bales cotton, Tata and Co.

FOR SHANGHAI.

Muke Maru s—100 bales twist, Tanti and Co,

Bengal s—68 bales twist, The Tapti Mills; 231 bales twist, Tanti and Co; 25 bales piece goods, Tata and Co; 31 bales twist, Ebrahim Nordin and Co; 1 bales twist, Tapti Mills Ld.

Mazagon s—60 bales cotton, 3 5 bales twist, Tata and Co; 362 bales twist Talati and Co; 2 bales twist J David.

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Muke Maru s—1,000 bales twist, C Ebrahim and Co.

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REGIMENTAL ORDERS BY LIEUTENANT-COLONEL LOUIS P. RUSSELL, COMMANDING B. V. A.

Bombay, 20th April.

1. Leave of absence for 6 months from this date is granted to C. Q. Mr. Sergt. W. Harvey.

2. Members are requested to return their Arms and Accoutrements to the Head-quarters without delays.

3. The Proficiency Examination will take place on Monday next, the 22nd instant. Fall in at the Town Hall Compo not at 6-45 a.m. Dress:—Drill order without arms, puttes not to be worn.

By Order,

G. STODDART, Capt. R. A,

Adjutant, B. V. A.

BOMBAY VOLUNTEER RIFLES.

REGIMENTAL ORDERS BY LIEUT-COLONEL E. FERRERS NICHOLSON, COMMANDING B. V. R.

Bombay, 20th April.

1. Members who have not already returned their Arms and Equipment to Head-quarters, are requested to do so as early as possible.

By Order,

P. H. ROGERS, Captain,

Adjutant B. V. R.

ROYAL BOMBAY YACHT CLUB.

ENTRIES FOR THIS AFTERNOON'S SAILING RACES.

Yachts handicap 1st race for Colonel H W Boyd's Cup. Start with time in hand, first yacht at 4 past 2-30

Course No 12, viz, from Committee Vessel round South Karanja Buoy, round Sunk Rock, round Committee Vessel and round North Karanja Buoy, leaving Sunk at Committee Vessel, leaving all marks to starboard. Length 11·7 miles.

Yacht.	Owner.
Forelia	Mr C E Sewell
Stella	Col H W Boyd, I M S
Melody	Mr J R K Macbeth
Nanta	Mr G T W Olver
Pixie	Mr E R Smetham
Mannikin	Officers, R A

Ship's boats (fancy rig) handicap race to start at 3 o'clock. Course No 11, viz, from Committee Vessel round North Karanja Buoy and round P and O Mooring Buoy, leaving both marks to port; round North Karanja Buoy, leaving it to starboard, and finishing at Committee Vessel. Length 8·5 miles.

Boat.	Entered by.
H M S Pinsey's cutter	Lt Petre, R N
H M S Abyssinia's cutter	Lt Carver, R N
H M's Custom's cutter	Mr F S Punnett
R I M Dockyard cutter	Mr A Mitchell

'Tomtit' class handicap (1st) race for Colonel Boyd's Cup with 'Tomtit' class ordinary race to start at about 3·30. Course No 11, viz, same as above.

Boat.	Owner.
Meg	Mr C H Byrne
Chuine	Capt G Lamb, I M S
Tomtit	Dr F M Gibson
Titmouse	Mr R H Hopkins

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OTHER PRESIDENCIES.

DEATHS.

ASHWORTH—April 16, at the residence of Mr E Millett, Kilpauk, Madras, Lieut James George Ashworth, I M S, (retired), of Bangalore, aged 65.

POOL—April 12, at Champion Reef, Kolar, Augusta Bessie, the beloved wife of W G Pool, aged 21 years.

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SATURDAY, APRIL 20, 1901.

CEYLON AND THE TEA INDUSTRY.

THOSE who desire information about Ceylon and its chief industry will find facts both old and new in "Golden Tips" by Henry W. Cave (Sampson Low, Marston and Co). Ceylon is rich in everyone of nature's gifts. A double monsoon supplies an abundant amount of moisture. Perhaps the Pavilion at Kandy offers as fair specimens of what tropical vegetation and natural history can do as any other part of Ceylon. Mr. Cave thus describes it:—"Noble trees and ornamental plants abound everywhere and wild nature is combined with effective artificial arrangement, everywhere are geckos, bloodsuckers, chameleons, lovely bright green lizards, about a foot in length, glorious large butterflies, with most lustrous wings; blue, green and scarlet dragoa-flies of immense size; fascinating birds, giving life and colour to the scene; millepedes constantly crawling about, a foot long, as thick as one's thumb, of a glossy jet black colour, and with about one hundred bright yellow legs. The strangest insects, too, are seen amongst the shrubs, so near akin to plant life that it is impossible to believe them to be alive until they are seen to move." The insect life, however, though a pleasure to the eye of the temperate dweller, has not yet been made to pay. The lovely wild jungle is giving way to the desolating, but paying, order of tea and cocoa plantations. Several districts in their luxuriance save the planter from relying on tea alone. Cacao, chocolate and rubber divide his energies and markets with tea, pepper, areca, coffee and cocoanuts, while vanilla and cardamoms are worth his consideration. In 1878 there were only 300 acres of cacao in the whole of Ceylon, and one thousand pounds sterling was the value of its export. In 1899 there were nearly six million pounds sent out of Ceylon worth £300,000. The rich forests in the glorious Matale district, supply ebony, satinwood, halmilla and palu. Big game is to be found near the tea and cacao estates. Sambur, barking deer and pig, leopard and buffalo. The elephant, the buffalo and the bear are perfectly happy in the forests till they are found out by the sportsman. For the last twenty years Ceylon has grown the tea-shrub on ever widening areas. It was planted as far back as 1842 in the Ramboddo pass but no attempt was made to ensure its commercial success until coffee began to fail, and the planters saw themselves on the verge of a gigantic disaster. Cinchona was first tried, but the rapid rise of this product in popular favor brought about its subsequent failure. Everyone planted it and over-production made it a drug in an ever-falling market. People cannot desist from killing the goose that lays the golden eggs. Our own Bombay cotton mills have gone on multiplying, and in spite of the inexorable logic of circumstances the new constructors fail to see that every new mill must divide the profits with its neighbours in an ever decreasing ratio. China or Japan, or a short crop and consequent high prices, may be saddled with the lowness of our present state, but the real guilty thing is the greed that makes everyone grasp at the fortune that early worms made in former years. However, in Ceylon, coffee having had its day cinchona had a short hour, and then some wise men saw that tea was an available asset which would repay realisation.

It fills one, sweltering in the heat of the plains, with wild longing to read of the districts of Passellawa and Ramboddo on the way to Nuwara Eliya where one looks down "upon the simmering haze which enshrouds the lower valleys." Here one meets with the growths of the temperate zone and bids a last farewell to the tropics. Lilacs, pinks, convolvuli, passion flowers, crotons, delicious fruits, ferns in every variety and cool rivers help one on the way. Fortunes in coffee were made and lost in these districts. Tea estates now extend over thirty-three thousand acres, twenty thousand being actually planted, the rest in forest and grass land. Here it was that the first timid attempts at tea-growing were made, every pound produced costing in or about £5 before it was in the tea-pot. When the leaf dise asattacked the coffee plants, it rendered their owners desperate, but it also brought out their courage and resourcefulness. At first the tea was all prepared by hand and in a corner of the old coffee store, gradually factories were built, and the latest inventions in machinery are now at work, with the result that Ceylon is still one of the most flourishing of the Crown Colonies. Dimbula is the largest of all the tea districts, having fifty thousand acres of estates; the railway runs right through it, winding round its mountain sides, and good roads serve its purposes of transport and travel. The climate varying from 55° to 70° is perfect for tea plant as well as planter, its hills are specially formed for sheltering the fields from the winds that have to be fought by plantations of quick growing trees in other less favoured districts. The rainfall is about one hundred inches, but is fairly distributed with long intervals of sunshine after a good downpour. One estate, that of Sutton, is given by Mr. Cave as typical of this district. The elevation is 5,300 feet with variations, the tea in many places grows almost out of the rock itself which here decomposes very rapidly, by the action of the abundant rainall and the heat of the sun. The worn out soil is thus constantly renewed, and the supply seems inexhaustible. The daily round of a planter's life is not a dull or idle one at Sutton. It begins at 6 a.m., when he attends the coolimuster, of men, women and children above eleven years of age, who assemble in gangs each under a task-master whose hands are full through the day superintending the work, chastising the lazy for the wrong doers, and looking after their finances. The conductor and the tea-maker, are also present with the gangs summoned by the horn or the tom-tom. The superintendent counts his coolies, assigns the work to the various gangs, who pluck, weed, prune or clear drains. They are then recounted, the numbers entered in a book, and the planter returns to "chota hazri." Then comes the visit to the factory, and if nothing need special attention there, he goes back to the fields and inspects the plucking process. The pluckers carry, suspended from their heads, baskets capable of holding fourteen pounds, into which the leaves are flung as fast as they are plucked. At the end of each row of plants is a transport basket into which the smaller baskets are emptied when full. Women are preferred to men for this plucking work, and they earn the lordly wage of about four pence a day. Careful teaching and constant supervision is needed before a plucker is an adept. The younger the leaf the finer the tea, and the further the leaf is from the bud, which must be left uninjured, the poorer the tea. Weeding is most carefully carried out on contracts that leave nothing to be desired on the score of economy, the rate being about one shilling and four-pence for an acre per month. For this outlay, the tea gardens of Ceylon are kept as clean or cleaner than the flower-gardens of England.

Nature would let the tea-plant grow to twenty feet, and it would spread to about the same circumference, but the tea-planter knows better, he keeps it down by constant pruning to three feet. After a year or two of plucking, the bush loses heart, it has to be roused up to the sending forth of new shoots by having its branches unmercifully lopped in every direction; it looks a poor thing then indeed. But presently it bursts forth in bud and leaf and is ready, in its ignorance, for another year's plucking. Each bush is given twelve square feet of ground to thrive in. They are carefully planted in rows so as to get all the sun possible. The age at which plucking should begin varies with the elevation, from two to four years. A year before it is to yield tea-leaves the plant is cut down to about nine or twelve inches from the ground, and again two months before plucking actually begins, it is cut two inches above the first cutting. It is then plucked regularly every eight or nine days for two years, when the remorseless cutting down, described above, is carried out. The pruning and cutting work is the duty of men. To return to the day's work. About ten o'clock the baskets are nearly full, and the superintendent notes and enters the quantity of leaf plucked by each coolie and the leaf is then carried to the factory. This is done two or three times during the day. At four o'clock plucking is over, and the leaf is sorted at the factory on mats on the ground, all coarse leaves being taken out. Each coolie's plucking is weighed and entered against her name, and the lazy ones are fined half pay or they get the task-master's stick. The coolies' work is done for the day and they depart to the lines where they dwell. The tea has many processes to go through, withering, rolling, fermenting and firing, before it can be weighed and sifted and put into boxes, under the various titles defined for it by the sifting process. All this takes three days, and the whole process is done by machinery in such a cleanly manner and such pure air that one may drink Ceylon tea, as we do, with the perfect confidence that we are drinking only tea. A tea planter's is undoubtedly a busy life, and must be an intensely interesting one. He works hard, and as Mr. Cave says, he plays harder, but we think he deserves credit for it. There are in the Ceylon tea districts, sporting, social and athletic clubs, cricket grounds, football, hockey, a race course, croquet, golf, trout-fishing and all these can be enjoyed in the purest and most invigorating air and in sight of some of the most beautiful scenery in the world. Caddies, we are told, are cheap and nasty, but a good one is quite equal to thirty-six holes a day. He does, however, little but hold the bag. The pages of this beautifully illustrated—it has no less than two hundred and fourteen pictures—and finely got up book are by no means limited to a description of the tea-industry, they glow with the scenery, and introduce the reader to the old Kandyan chiefs, to the village life, to the history of the settlement and struggles of the Dutch in the Island, and the later colonisation and rule of Ceylon by the British.

THE BUDGET PROPOSALS.

SIR MICHAEL HICKS-BEACH, in introducing his Budget on Thursday, announced a deficit of 55 millions, against an estimated deficit of seventeen and three-quarter millions. But the Chancellor of the Exchequer explained that had it not been for the War the accounts would have worked out to a surplus of fifteen millions. The deficit is to be made up by increased taxation. Another two-pence is to be put on the income tax, making it 1s 2d. An additional four pence was levied last year. The

TELEGRAMS.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

THE BUDGET.

DEFICIT OF 53 MILLIONS.

INCOME-TAX INCREASED.

TAXES ON COAL AND SUGAR.

LONDON, APRIL 18, 5-37 P.M.

Sir Michael Hicks-Beach presented his Budget to the Commons this evening and is still speaking. Tea will not be taxed.

LATER.

Sir Michael Hicks-Beach's Budget shows last year's deficit to be 53 millions. Without the war there would have been a surplus of fifteen millions. The Estimate for the Expenditure of 1901 is £187,902,000 of which the war amounts to sixty millions. The deficit is fifty-five millions.

Sir Michael adds two-pence to the Income-Tax and imposes a duty of four and two pence on Refined Sugar polarizing above 98 including West Indian. The duty will diminish for raw sugar polarizing below 98 by a complex graduated scale to a minimum of two shillings for sugar polarizing 76. This scale is tentative and revisable under experience.

A duty of two shillings is to be imposed on molasses and one and eight pence on glucose.

An Export Duty of one shilling per ton is to be imposed on Coal.

Altogether the new taxes will yield eleven millions. Sir Michael proposes to suspend the Sinking Fund and borrow sixty millions of Consols, which exceeds the deficit, but is needed to finance the Exchequer.

LONDON, APRIL 19.

During the debate in the Commons on the Budget Statement the criticism was chiefly directed to the Export Duty on Coal as being a reversion of protection.

Some members regretted there was no differential treatment in favour of Colonial Sugar.

A Resolution for imposing the Sugar Duty was adopted by 183 against 123 and for imposing the export duty on coal by 171 against 137 votes.

THE SOMALI EXPEDITION.

ENEMY REPULSED.

CROPS AND VILLAGES DESTROYED.

LONDON, APRIL 18.

The Agaden Somali expedition has reached Dokar. The tribesmen are continually opposing their advance and fighting has taken place at several points.

On the 5th instant the enemy were repulsed, their villages burned and crops destroyed.

THE FIRE AT PEKING.

LONDON, APRIL 19.

Count Waldersee is suffering considerably from the shock experienced in the fire at the Palace.

THE MAILS.

LONDON, APRIL 18.

The Bombay mails of the 6th instant arrived at Brindisi to-day.

CHINA REINFORCEMENTS.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

SIMLA, APRIL 19.

It has been decided for the present not to send more drafts to China.

THE MAHSUD BLOCKADE.

HUT ACCOMMODATION.

The construction of hutting accommodation has been sanctioned to enable the Mahsud blockade to be continued during the hot season.

GAZETTE OF INDIA NOTIFICATIONS.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT).

SIMLA, APRIL 19.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

Colonel Neville is confirmed Deputy-Adjutant General, Madras, vice General Henry, appointed Quarter-Master General.

Sir Alfred Gaselee to command a First Class Bengal District vice Jennings, vacated.

I. M. S. BOMBAY.

Majors Milne, Baker, Corkery and Avetoom are gazetted Lieutenant-Colonels and Captains Ricketts, Moore, Jenny and Hudson, Majors.

BOMBAY VOLUNTEER ARTILLERY.

Second-Lieutenant Yeo becomes Lieutenant, vice Young, resigned.

POONA VOLUNTEER RIFLES.

H. Ward is promoted to Second-Lieutenant.

MARINE DEPARTMENT.

Mr. T. G. Bailey is granted eight months' leave and Engineer T. H. Avery six months' extension of leave.

Captains Llewellyne, Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, and Markbame the Shropshire Light Infantry, are appointed to the Central African Regiment and Lieutenant Kempthorne, Royal Scots Fusiliers, to the West African Frontier Force..

FOREIGN DEPARTMENT.

Captain Talbot, 7th Bombay Lancers, to to be Inspecting Officer, Kathiawar Imperial Service Cavalry vice Peyton.

MILITARY INTELLIGENCE.

SIMLA, APRIL 19.

The G. I. P. Railway Volunteers receive Rs. 3,100 and the Berar Volunteers Rs. 1,300, out of the funds provided this year for Volunteer buildings.

Engineers Tucker and Kerr are posted from home to the Indian Marine steamer Hardinge, Engineer Yates having one year's leave.

An arrangement has been sanctioned, whereby all clothing stores for India from home for British and Native troops will be supplied direct through the India Office without recourse to the Army Clothing Department, which is necessarily much taken up with imperial requirements.

Forty thousand more helmets will be sent from India to South Africa next month.

The following Officers proceed from India to South Africa :—Major F. G. Bond, R. E., and Captains Bald, 15th Hussars, and Williamson, 6 Bombay Mountain Battery ; and to Queensland, Lieutenant Woodcock, R. A.

Captain Dennys, 23rd Bombay Rifles, is appointed Recruiting Staff Officer, Rajputana.

Captain Young, 6th Bengal Cavalry, on return from South Africa, becomes D. A. A. G. for Instruction at Poona.

General Gaselee will be shortly gazetted to a 1st class district in the Bengal Command, to fill the vacancy caused by the retirement of General Jennings on April 1st. Colonel Henry will then be gazetted Quarter-Master-General from the same date.

BOMBAY ARRIVALS, APRIL 19 :—Mullin, Major Bengal, R. G. A., on leave, from Roorkie.

Churchill, Colonel, Bengal, R.A. M.C., proceeding to England, from Meerut

Wood, Lieut.-Col., Punjab, 10th Lancers, on leave from Nowshera.

O'Meara, Captain, Punjab, I. M. S., on medical certificate, from Mean Mir.

Stephenson, Captain, Punjab, I. M. S., on medical certificate from Edwardesabad.

THE VICEROY'S SHIKAR PARTY.

END OF THE TOUR.

His Excellency the Viceroy and party started from camp early yesterday. His Excellency was met on the border by Mr. Orr, District Superintendent of Police, Purneah, who escorted him to Forbesgunge, where Mr. O'Brien, the Collector of Purneah, met the Viceroy. After lunching at the Dak Bungalow the party proceeded by train. Colonel Hurck Jung, Colonel Jeet Bahadur, Colonel Pears, and Captain Armstrong were at the station to see the Viceroy off, the train leaving at 2 p. m. Mr. Burt Vining of the Eastern Bengal State Railway, accompanied the train. At Manihari Mr. Williams, the Commissioner, and Mr. Dring, of the East Indian Railway, met the Viceroy. After everything had been transhipped, the steamer started at dusk, the river presenting a picturesque appearance, with successive light boats to show the course. The party arrived at Sahrigali at 7 p. m., and embarked in a special train, which left Bareilly at 8-30 p.m. Colonel Fenn and Captain the Hon. Portman proceed straight to Simla.

LORD ROBERTS' DESPATCHES.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

ALLAHABAD, APRIL 19.

The "Pioneer's" London correspondent cables as follows, besides those already cabled by Reuter :—Lord Roberts in his despatches eulogises the following Officers, who have distinguished themselves for communications :—

Lieutenant-Generals Sir F. W. E. F. Forestier-Walker, Colonel J. K. Trotter, and Major H. J. Dir-Cas for disembarkation.

Colonel A. G. Chichester, Army Service Corps, Colonel W. D. Richardson and Colonel E. W. D. Ward, the latter rendering services of immense value in the Ladysmith telegraphs, Lieutenant-Colonel R. L. Hippisley, under whose superintendence 2 1-2 millions of additional messages, some containing 4,000 words, were sent by postal service. Colonel J Grew, Ordnance, Colonel R. F. Noel-Clarke, Army Ordnance Department, Colonel W. B. Wade, Signalling, Major T. E. O'Leary, Royal Irish Fusiliers.

Lord Roberts specially extols the Indian Veterinary Field Hospitals, which were perfectly staffed and equipped and also valuable Remount Officers from India. Also Mr. Dhanjiboy's useful gifts of ambulance tongas. He thanks Sir Godfrey Lagden for his work in Basutoland and mentions General Ian Hamilton as possessing exceptional qualifications and commends Viscount Downes' tact and for his gallantry and organising powers ; General Hunter for his great soldierly qualities and war experience, General Kelly-Kenny for his high military instinct and Colonel Knox for his sound strategy. Also Colonel W Knox and Colonel Hutton for their unbounded energy. Colonels Settle, Marshall, Arthur Paget, Clements, J. Maxwell and Douglas ; General Hector Macdonald for his resolution and energy in thankless judgment. Colonels Wood and Cowan and Captain Waterfield who show considerable promise. The Duke of Westminster, the Earl of Kerry and other Aides-de-Camp are also mentioned.

The Commander-in-Chief deeply deplores the loss of Major Laing, an officer of great merit, of Prince Christian Victor, whose courtesy was unfailing, of Colonel Legge, a capable and gallant officer, of Colonel le Gallais, who had rendered brilliant service and showed brilliant promise. He praises Captains C.H. Gough, I.S.C. and A.G. Maxwell, I. S. C., for their excellent camp arrangements ; Major W.R. Edwards, I.M.S. for the Medical Control at Head Quarters ; Lord Stanley for his valuable work as Secretary ; Colonel Sir H. S. Rawlinson, Coldstream Guards ; for his readiness and topographical knowledge ; Major C. V. Hume, Royal Artillery, Major R. M. V. Poore, 7th Hussars ; Brigadier-General E. O. F. Hamilton, Royal West Surrey Regiment.

Sir George White was mainly responsible for saving Natal and for the gallant defence of Ladysmith. Lord Roberts regrets that ill-health prevented Sir George taking a conspicuous part in the later operations.

The Commander-in-Chief highly extols Generals Tucker, Rundle, Barton, Pretyman, Pole-Carew, Kelly, Campbell, Boyes and particularly mentions General Baden-Powell's task of pacifying the Orange River Colony.

Generals Stephenson, Broadwood, and Smith-Dorrien for their exceptional aptitude and resource, General Brabant as a fine leader, Lord Chesham, Colonels Darnell, Cunningham, Mahon and Remington for their scouting ; Colonel Plumer as a Good Administrator, Colonel Spens, Shropshire Light Infantry, Colonel Alderson, Royal West Kent Regiment, Colonel Pilcher, Bedfordshires, Colonel H. L. Dawson, Indian Staff Corps, who commanded the Mounted Infantry with credit ; Captain (local Lieutenant-Colonel) H. de B. Leslie and Major Ross, both of the Durham Light Infantry, Brevet-Major E. G. T. Bainbridge of the Buffs, Major C J. Mackenzie, of the Seafort Highlanders and Major G. J. Youngbusband, I. S. C, who showed great capacity and ability.

The Despatches also mention Colonel Dickson, Colonel Harley-Cooper, Colonel George E. Harley, Colonel the Earl of Caroll, Colonel the Honourable John S. Napier, Colonel Frank Rhodes, and many others.

Lieutenant-Colonel P. T. Rivett-Carnac, Dalrymple, Hamilton, Lord Edmond Talbot and forty others. Majors Armstrong, W. Prior and fifty others. Captains Knight, Camilleri, Patterson, Cobbe, McConaghey, L. Maxwell, all of the Indian Staff Corps. Prince Alexander of Teck, Lord Lock, Viscount Milton, the Duke of Marlborough and 40 others.

Seventy Medicals, a dozen Chaplains and endless Colonials.

A lengthy report on Field Transport mentions General Nicholson, Colonels Bunbury and Wickham and Major Furse and speaks of the excellence of the jhools, the Indian contrivances and of animals generally.

BOMBAY COMMAND ORDERS.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

POONA, APRIL 19.

With the approval of the Commander-in-Chief in India, the Lieutenant-General Commanding the Forces is pleased to make the following appointments :—

16th Bombay Infantry—Major Legh, 2nd-in-Command, to be Commandant, vice Brevet-Colonel Bell, vacated.

Captain Mead, 2nd Double Company-Commander, to be 2nd in Command, vice Legh. Dated 26th March 1901.

The Lieutenant-General Commanding the Forces is pleased to make the following appointments :—

16th Bombay Infantry—Captain Jacob, Double Company-Commander, to move up in grade succession, vice Captain Mead appointed 2nd-in-Command.

Major Kreyer, Double Company-Commander, to move up in grade succession, vice Captain Jacob and to remain seconded whilst employed as Cantonment Magistrate.

Captain Oldfield, Double Company-Commander, to be Double Company-Commander and to move up in grade succession, vice Major Kreyer and to remain seconded whilst employed in the Political Department.

Lieutenant Bridges, Double Company-Commander, to move up in grade succession, vice Captain Oldfield and to remain seconded whilst employed as Adjutant.

Lieutenant Preston, Double Company-Commander, to move up in grade succession, vice Lieutenant Bridges and to remain seconded whilst employed in the Commissariat Department.

Lieutenant Hunter, Double Company-Commander, to move up in grade succession, vice Lieutenant Preston.

Lieutenant Sewart, Double Company-Officer, to be Double Company-Commander, vice Lieutenant Hunter. Dated 26th March.

17th Bombay Infantry.—2nd Lieutenant Street, Unattached List, to be officiating Double Company Officer. Dated 6th April.

Royal Army Medical Corps—The undermentioned officers, on arrival from England, are posted as follows :—Lieutenant Bonayne to Poona District ; Lieutenant Baillie to Bombay District.

The undermentioned officers have passed tests for retention in the Indian Staff Corps :—

9th Bombay Infantry—Lieutenants Tatun and Showbridge.

22nd Bombay Rifles—Lieutenant Lord Wardell.

3rd Bombay Light Infantry—2nd Lieutenant Newcombe.

The undermentioned officers are qualified for promotion to the rank of Lieutenant :—

R. G. A.—2nd Lieutenants Fitz Gerald, Gunter, and Sandford.

2nd Battalion Oxfordshire Light Infantry—Noramn Thorne.

Under instructions received from Army Head Quarters, India, the following transfers are ordered :—Lieutenant Colonel Stuart, R. H. A. from Command of the R. A. at Kirkee to the Command of the R. H. A. at Mhow.

Lieutenant-Colonel Banester. R. F. A., from the Command of the R. A. at Mhow to the Command of the R. F. A. at Kirkee,

Captain W. B. R. Sandys, R. H. A., from Adjutancy of the R. H. A. at Kirkee to that of the R. H. A. at Mhow.

Until further orders, an acting Adjutant, drawing staff pay, at Rs. 100 per mensem, will be appointed for the R. F. A. at Kirkee.

The undermentioned are reported to have passed the required examinations in the following languages :—

Urdu-Higher Standard—Lieut. Tatum, 9th Bombay Infantry.

Urdu—Lower Standard—Lieut 1st Batt. Norfolk Regt.—Lieut, Hadow, 2nd Bombay Royal Irish Regiment, Lieutenant Norbury, 2nd Lieut. Kennis, Indian Medical Service, Lieutenants Murphy and Spittelar.

Pushtu—Lower Standard—1st Battalion Chesh Regiment—Major Fraser, 2nd Lieutenant Teesdal.

Indian Medical Service.—Lieutenant Lawson, Sergeant Richards, Royal Engineers, 1st Battalion Cheshire Regiment—Corpt. J. Clart.

Marathi-Obligatory Test (G. O. C. C. No. 809 of 1898) Captain Widdicombe 17th Bo. Infantry.

On the 12th April is the return journey of the Lieutenant-General Commanding the Forces, Bombay, from Quetta.

Bombay Command Order, No. 222, of 19th idem is cancelled.

The undermentioned Officers have been permitted, by the Secretary of State for India, to return to duty :—Lieut.-Col. Cole, Erinpura Irregular Force ; Major (temporary Lieut-Col.) Phillipps, 19th Bombay Infantry Lt. Delme Radcliffe, 14th Bombay Infantry, Lt Syer, 1st Bombay Lancers, Lieutenant Haworth, 9th Bombay Infantry.

The undermentioned Officer is granted leave to proceed out of India on medical certificate, under the Leave Rules for the Staff Corps. Leave to have effect in India from the date of being struck off duty till the date of sailing. Specified period to count from the date of leaving India :—Captain Thomas, Staff Corps, Adjutant, Merwara Battalion, for 6 months. Pension service twelfth year [com-] raised 29 4th March 1901.

WOMEN'S INTERESTS.

PARISIAN COIFFURES.

MR. MAX O'RELL ENTHUSIASTIC.

MR. ZANGWILL FAILS.

(FROM OUR LADY CORRESPONDENT.)

LONDON, MARCH 29.

YOUNG men of Balham who may be about to marry last night were given the following advice by Mr. Max O'Rell : "If you have to choose between living with your mother-in-law or shooting yourself do not hesitate for a moment—shoot her." This was almost the only severe thing he said about "H.R.H. Woman"—the title of his lecture, which was delivered in the Royal Duchess Theatre, forming part of a programme that included excellent singing and recitation. Mr. O'Rell has discovered only two countries where men are in leading strings—his own and the United States. Of the women of both lands he discoursed with enthusiasm. The French wife, he said, is her husband's friend, confidante, and business partner. To this circumstance is due, in his judgment, the fact that France is to-day the richest country in the world—richest, that is, in evenly distributed wealth, 72 per cent. of the population outside Paris owning their own homes. He went on to affirm that French women are supreme in the polities of matrimony. She knows it is a question of remaining not beautiful, but interesting ; hence her little bustling ways and her varied manner of doing her hair. In this country marriage was looked upon as the end of love-making, but in France, after marrying your wife, you had to win her—a process vesy pleasant. If so many kisses were not indulged in before marriage in this country, there would be more afterwards. In France not more than one man in every 500 belonged to a club. As for women's clubs—ugh ! Having seen the way the poor American millionaires lived (they being too tired on Sundays to tell their children stories), the advice he felt compelled to give everybody was : "Live well, and live as long as you can. You will never have another chance." Beads of perspiration on the Yankee's brow crystalized into diamonds on the necks of his woman folk. American girls Mr. Max O'Rell praised without stint. The animation of their features, the brilliance of their conversation, their freedom from affectation, the picturesqueness of their language—oh, they were glorious and unique. The American girl of 17 or 18 was allowed almost every liberty and she took the others. Europe was surprised that she had a latch-key and stayed out late with young men. Dear old Europe—dear old museum ! The most vulgar American man could in the matter of how to behave to women, teach a lesson to the men of the Old World—even to Frenchmen. His compatriots, in that matter, were living too much on the reputation of their ancestors. A Frenchman, when he made way for a lady, locked at her ; an American, in similar circumstances, lowered his eyes. The former sighted the Miss ; the latter missed the sight. In conclusion, Mr. Max O'Rell enthusiastically remarked that if he could be born anew, selecting his sex and country, he would say, "Please make me an American woman."

The Royal Academy students yesterday paid their tribute to Verdi by reviving his Manzoni "Requiem," at Queen's Hall, under the conductorship of Mr. Corder. The performance was a good one, and the chief parts were sung by Miss Ethel Wood, Mrs. Julia Frank, Messrs. Maxwell and Torrence. A short but clever first movement of a symphony in G minor by Mr. F. G. Swinstead was played, and a very young pianist, Master Oscar Franklin, gave a capital readering of Weber's concertstuck. Some of those ridiculous but amusing name-conundrums which recently became so popular have been tried upon musicians, and by offering a guinea prize the tonic solfa "Herald" has secured a page of them. A good example runs.

"Why was Andrew Black ? Because he was spoken to by Ada Crossley." Here are a few more :

Why was Charles Chilley Because he had no Hair-ton.

What pleased Ole Bull ? Going Thomas.

Where did Hans Sitt ? In Aguitter.

What made Louise Pyne and Ioss Hart Because she had not a Sou-sa.

What gives Arthur Payne ? To hear Hayden Coffin

What makes Clara Butt ? To see a Cowen the field

The worst puns seem to be the best liked. The prize was carried off by "Who did Ysaye was with Clara Butt ? Emil Sauer with Clara Schumann," which shows at any rate that the winner is not a linguist. Several letters have been addressed to a London paper concerning the acute distress which undoubtedly exists among singers and other musicians who derive their incomes chiefly from small concerts or "At Homes." One lady suggests a petition to the King and Queen that "their Majesties might express a wish that entertainments of good music should be given both in public and private, as usual." Many more expatiate upon the numerous "at homes," who expect their music for nothing ; one writer declaring that the rich musical clubs are, with some honourable exceptions, by no means blameless in the matter. Here is a more pleasant glance at the other side of the picture :—A lady gave a concert in aid of a worthy object. She paid for everything including artists at full fees, out of her pocket, and handed the gross proceeds to the charity. Another gave a soiree for shop-girls, dressmakers, and milliners' assistants, and working girls in similar employments. She provided music, refreshments, decorations, exactly as if she were entertaining her own friends, and paid accordingly for everything.

Dress skirts are all trimmed, more or less. Waved lines of strapping or stiching appear to be the favourite form of trimming. Sometimes, instead of being carried all round the skirt, these lines are broken up, ending irregularly under cross bars, over and under which they pass alternately. Some of the thin summer materials are strapped with panne in horizontal lines from waist to hem. These tailor trimmings of stitchings and strapping are just as popular as ever. Pipings and gaugings are also very much in vogue. The shaped flounce is as much worn as ever. It is such a graceful form of trimming that dressmakers cannot afford to dispense with it. A Paris grown made of cloth is trimmed with two box-pleated velvet flounces. This is a return to the fashions of the Seventies. The bolero was trimmed round with an undulated band of stiched cloth, slightly gathered up. The cloth sleeves are slashed with velvet at the elbows, the latter material being introduced in lengthwise puffs each bordered with a strip of the stitched and gathered bias fold of cloth. This style is not very likely to be largely adopted in England, where velvet is not approved of as a trimming for cloth. It is too apt to gather up dust. Black silk is more than ever used as trimming for black cloth or dark grey frieze or serge. A tucked black silk collar and revers give a good finish to a tailor-made suit. Several bands of silk strapping round the skirt make such a dress suitable for more ceremonious occasions than the morning shopping. Very plain suits are worn in cycling, for every kind of trimming, however simple, affords an element of possible annoyance in case of even a slight accident or collision. What girl would enjoy sitting down to sew on several yards of braid while out for a country spin ? Yet it is only too easy for yards of it to be dragged off through the skirt catching in a gate or some protruding portion of a fence.

The Exhibition and Sale of Irish industries has greatly stimulated the use of lace for dresses and bodices. An entire skirt in fine Irish crochet was among the exhibits, also a whole dress in Carrickmacross lace. A bolero in cream-coloured Irish crochet proved very attractive, and a few boleros in the same kind of lace found purchasers at once. Lace half-sleeves also sold readily, both those that extend from shoulder to elbow and the others that cover the arm from a turn of the elbow to the wrist. These smaller articles should be chosen by workers, for they sell much more quickly than the large.

There are so many ways of fashionably doing the hair that every type of face can be suited. Simplicity is out of favour. The use of curling tongs is never favourable to simplicity, and not one of these coiffures can be adequately copied without the assistance of the curling tongs. The question of our coiffure is at the present moment occupying all thoughts. Many fashionable women are wearing their hair dressed low gathered into loose puffs at the nape of the neck or with large waves at the sides and with a bunch or curls forming the chignon at the back. Certainly the new millinery is a sure indication that we must change the place of the chignon, as there is no room for it under the flat plate-shaped crowns of the present-day hats and toques. But this transformation of the silhouette of a fashionable woman must be brought about gradually, as there are fewer to whom this style is becoming, the hair dressed high and puffed out round the face being a mode which is almost universal is suiting nearly every woman.

Deserted and ridiculed by her former fellow-workers, Caris Huntyngford, the "Revolted Daughter" of Mr. Israel Zangwill's imagining, falls into her mother's arms like a tired child, sobbing to be taken home. It is the one dramatic moment in the comedy which was produced under the auspices of the "Sunday Special" at the Comedy Theatre yesterday afternoon. But one touch of drama only makes the whole play thin. And thin it all is—very thin—when dragged out over three acts. Familiar types of the New Woman flit across the scene, which is laid on the lawn of a charming riverside house. There is Chris, who "chucked up her swim," her position as heiress to a robust, commonsense, hunting baronet, in order to satisfy the craving for work among the East End poor, inspired by reading "Sesame and Lilies." Another is Sophia Twick, A.M., blue-stocking and mathematician, who proposes to a prematurely-grey professor a marriage of intellects not, however, entirely devoid of human passion. Yet a third is an apostle of the beautiful, Mrs. St. George, whose gospel is founded on a boundless capacity for seeing Nature in terms of poets and painters, a limited knowledge of their value. All are in revolt against "the great mother —Nature." But not one of them is in earnest. Their conversation reeks of the jargon of the Pioneer Club. Their act ons savour of the commonplace, the sentimental.

Chris abandons her mission at the first whiff of scandal in her "Shadwell Sociable" for the enlightenment of the masses. The blue-stocking's reserve is swept away on a wave of human instinct. The cult of the beautiful is abandoned without a murmur at the bidding of an insignificant husband. Even the professor burns his manuscript on "Poverty and Population "to gain the heiress—and other possibilities. It is a victory for Nature all along the line. Her revenge comes when all are seated round a camp-fire in the moon-light listening to the "Song of the Banjo." The fever and fret of the time spirit stilled by the "Revolted Daughter" crooning "The Swanee River!" Headstrong and mutinous, Miss Nina Boucicault never omitted to show the heart of Chris beating through the veil of idealism which enmeshes her. It was a beautiful performance, instinct with grace and feeling and elusive charm. Beautiful, too, is the word for Miss Edyth Olive. The rich notes of her voice are flexible alike to the passionate pleading of a woman awakened from mathematics by love as to the pseudocynical gibes of the M. A. Mr. Loring Fernie realised the two sides of the professor's nature—the philosophic and the passionate—with equal strength, while Miss Rohda Halkett vapoured of Art without becoming a bore. In the "actor-proof part of the common-sense baronet Mr. Luigi Lablache was admirable, and Mr. Holman Clark touched in the character of a superfluous, sensual Earl with power and insight.

Ever since bodies of men made war against one another we have stories of women who have accompanied them, disguised or otherwise, and shared in their hardships and perils. The days of romance are so rapidly passing away, however, that it is somewhat remarkable to learn that there is a young woman in America who fought with the United States Army in Cuba as a regular. Miss Beeba Beam is her name, and she is the daughter of an army officer. She was possessed of an absorbing ambition to go to Manila when the war was raging most fiercely between the United States and Spain. She has just returned to San Francisco from the Philippines in the best of health and spirits, and has been telling her story. It appears that, disguised as a cabin boy, she started for Manila on a transport on October 5 last year ; but her sex being quickly discovered, she was made a prisoner, in which state she arrived at her destination. She contrived to escape from the ship however, and, adopting soldier's clothes, succeeded in following the troops on the campaign for nearly a twelve month. "I saw war," she recently said, "and I lived it just as a soldier sees it and lives it ; and for what I saw and learned I do not feel I paid too much—even in the illness that came to me and in the discomforts and horrors of that voyage on the "City of Para." So the girl soldier succeeded in achieving her cherished ambition—which is more than many of us have the good fortune to do, no matter how modest our hopes.

I must not forget to desbribe the manifold attractions of that blouse which is a delightful model for use in the quiet intimacy of an evening at home. Tucked pearl de soie is used for its readiness to run with Cluny lace, having an application of flowers painted upon chiffon. The puffed sleeves are also of chiffon, and the waistband is of folded taffeta. While noting this blouse I saw another extremely pretty one of cream lace over white chiffon, and having large butterflies of lace worked over with paleblue chenille and studded with turquoise cabochons. The collar-band and waistbelt were of pale blue panne with wee lace butterflies, while a becoming note was struck by a rosette of black velvet.

CYCLING AT HOME.

LONDON, MARCH 29.

SOME idea as to the popularity of automobilism in France is gathered from the following figures, which represent those motor cycles and cars which paid a tax during 1900. There were 11,252 mortor cycles and 5,283 motor cars, while an allowance of about three per cent. must be made for motor cycles and cars, the owners of which managed to avoid the government fee. Of course, as is well-known, in France ordinary cycles also pay a tax, and under this heading no less than 975,578 contributed their portion to the national exchequer. It is also interesting to note that within the past ten years the number of cycles has shown an increase of one hundred per cent.

On several occasions remarks have appeared in this column as to the advent of the motor bicycle. An interesting account of a trip from Conventry to just outside London and back—a total distance of 176 miles—is reported by two riders who completed the distance on machines of this type, the manufacture of which have been lately taken up by one of our large English firms. The 176 miles, including all stops, were covered in eighteen hours, while deducting the stoppages, the nett riding time was twelve hours only. The machines appear to have behaved excellently in every way, and the riders give out the working cost of the ride at about 3 for each machine. Performances of this kind are calculated to popularise the motor bicycle in an uncertain manner, in fact the riders report that all along the road very great interest was taken in the mounts.

We shall soon have some interesting figures prepared by a firm of expert engineers, who specially undertake the making of tests, as to the relative strengths of cross and diamond frames. The head of one of the largest cycle firms, which is no at the present moment running cross frame machine, has decided to have a test made in order to confirm the Company's opinion that the open diamond frame is practically as rigid under driving strains as the cross frame machine, or rather to go a step further and to show that the latter does not conquire equality in this regard with the former. The results will be published very shortly when it is hinted that the present theory as to the great strength and rigidity of the cross frame machines will recieve a severe blow.

The heaviest item of expenditure shown on the recently issued balance sheet of the Cyclists' Touring Club was the postage on the Gazette which, amounted to £1,112 9s. 7d. or roughly speaking one-third of the club's total income. It was owing to this large outlet and the heavy drain made on the resources of the club that a deputation was formed and subsequently waited on the Postmaster General to lay before him a suggestion of instituting a magazine post under which by means of registration, monthly magazines of the class of the Gazette should be transmitted at a reduced scale. Lord Londonderry expressing his sympathy with the object, remarked that the proposal, which was quite new to him, should have most careful consideration.

The cycle-stealing fraternity have apparently exhausted their ingenuity in introducing new methods of gaining possession of machines from the unwily and have been obliged to resort to old methods that have been dormant for years. One of their members recently called on a house where the owner was away, and posed to the unsuspecting housewife as a repairer sent to overhaul the bicycle, a bag of tools slung over his back giving colour to the deception. After spending a short while pulling the machine about he discovered an imaginary defect that required the treatment and asked permission to send it round to the workshop to which the unsuspicious wife readily gave consent. But alas ! she is still awaiting the return of her husband's machine. Cyclists would do well to give instructions to all members of the household on no account to hand a cycle over to any person who has not a signed order.

The hot-bed of anticycularism is undoubtedly Kingston—pretty Kingston on the Thames—a district frequented by London wheelmen who troop there on a Sunday on their way down to the main road to Portsmouth. Scarcely two years back the action of the police in prosecuting innocent wheelmen for furious riding was a public scandal, not a few being locked up at the police station while their names were verified. This persecution has not been quite so bad recently, and poor misguided wheelmen had begun to imagine that they could ride through Kingston with that sense of security that they experienced elsewhere. But they were mistaken, for during the cessation of hostilities the spirit of prosecution was again evoking in the breast of the Kingston police, and with the breath of spring burst out again with all its fury. As yet only one or two cases of furious riding have been brought before the magistrates, but the police are on the alert, and last Sunday were turning cyclists, who were wheeling their machines on the kerb, off on to the road which was thickly covered from side to side with sharp flints. Needless to mention prams and pretty nursemaids were allowed to proceed.

Certainly the cross frame movement bears signs of being overdone. A plain and sensible cross frame, such as were in vogue in 1896 in the first machines placed upon the market, is all very well, and there is doubtless a great deal to be said for it ; but some makers seem to be vieing with one another in their endeavours to crowd as many crosses and triangles into a machine as possible. No doubt the maker will settle down of his own accord, but at the present moment the lot of the man deciding to go in for the new type, and who has, unaided, to make his own choice, is by no means an easy one.

The iniquity of the covered-in van has been remarked upon in this column on previous occasions and in some parts of the country success action has been taken. A well-known member of Parliament is now running a campaign against this nuisance which is such a prolific source of accident not only to cyclists but to drivers of other vehicles. It stands to reason that a driver seated in a covered-in van is unable to see what is going by on his right and left, and if he should desire to make a turning movement it is absolutely necessary for him to lean out of the cart and look around to see whether it is safe to do so. All drivers do not do this, and so accidents and collisions happen. What is wanted is at least a window let in on each side of the hood so that the driver can well see if not behind, at any rate on either side of him.

The merits of the Dunlop Tyres should not be overlooked by touring cyclists, as they are essentially tyres for either wet or fine weather and all kinds of road surfaces. Further they are substantially guaranteed.

T. J. Gascoyne, the well-known Chesterfield professional, who has won so many important races on Dunlop tyres, has resumed training for the season. It has been suggested that he would be hard to beat in a series of three races, paced, unpaced and pursuit, and his broker is about to issue a challenge in the above form.

FROM the 6th to the 12th instant, 5 East Indians, 18 Native Christians, 320 Hindus, and 44 Mahomedans died within the Municipal limits of Madras, making a total of 387, the death-rate being 44·4 per mille, and the mean for the ten previous years being 340. The deaths are thus classified :—Plague nil, cholera 1, small-pox 11, measles 12, fevers 131, dysentry 44, diarrhœa 8, and other causes 180.

SOME MAGAZINES.

THE CENTURY, for April opens with a charming short illustrated story "Dolce", followed by another of Augustine Birrell's Rhine papers, this one taking us from Coblentz to Rotterdam, the drawings are by Andre Castaigne. "The Helmet of Navarre' is at its penultimate number. Waldon Fawcett has a third instalment on Iron and its Transportation, which in text and illustration gives us an idea of the frantic pace made by America in the steel-trade. The serial "Her Mountain Lover" is finished. Six short excellent stories lighten the pages. A paper on "Trade Unions in Japan," shows that the energetic Japs, though deprived of the martial fruits of their conquests, have not lost heart, but have directed their talents into a commercial groove, and have annexed with the least possible delay all the trade customs of the West. A discussion on "Fashions in Literature" winds up with the sensible query, "why should we waste precious time in chasing meteoric appearances, when we can be warmed and invigorated in the sunshine of the great literatures?" A delightful paper on "Manor-House Gardens" takes one back to the middle ages when the "pleasance" was the only place where ladies could safely enjoy the fresh air. It brings us down to the present style of garden in both the new and the old world. The new serial "Dri and I" is continued. "Malaria and certain Mosquitos" by L. O. Howard shows how America is eagerly working at the question of neutralising the mischief caused by the anopheles, and the still worse species of culex, which is now more than suspected to be the active agent in the spread of yellow fever. An interesting article "Personal Reminiscences of Queen Victoria" is written by one who was in the suite of an illustrious guest of her late Majesty at Osborne Cottage in 1886.

THE EMPIRE REVIEW has much to do to keep up its reputation, but it succeeds admirably. Sir Charles Dilke contributes a paper on "The Command-in-Chief." He has a few flings at Mr. Brodrick, Lord Rosebery and others and concludes a clever account of the War Lords duties by observing that "an even greater national need, than competent direction of the War Office, is competent handling of the supreme question of the defence of the Empire considered as a whole." An interesting and well written article by Lady MacDonald "My Visits to the Dowager-Empress of China," leaves the reader in the same state of doubt as the writer in regard to the real character of the Empress. It is a little distracting to find that Lady MacDonald inclines to the belief that her imperious Majesty is "a woman of some strength of character, certainly genial and kindly, and liked by her immediate surroundings." One is driven to believe that the Chinese Dowager Empress is like human beings in general, and has two sides to her character which by turns are "topside." The Earl of Scarborough writes on "Mr. Brodrick's Imperial Yeomanry" Dr. Mahaffy discusses "The Ebb and Flow in National Literature." In "Our New Frontier Province" Sir Lepel Griffin is manifestly at home, though he does not agree with Lord Curzon in his criticisms of past frontier rule. We have three colonial articles on very different subjects, one on the Colonial Office, one on Colonial Marriages and one on Phases of Life in the Colonies. The Rev. J. S. Moffat writes on "Native Problems in South Africa," Edward Dicey on "The Abyssinian Question" Sir John Karslake has a spirited article on "Sport in Newfoundland." The contents of this third number of "The Empire Review" are far above the Magazine average which is a high one in these days of hard thinking and rapid writing.

THE MONTHLY REVIEW is good value for half-a-crown. Art, contemporary history and politics, ancient buildings, life in general, China, the Civil Service and books are passed in review and intelligently written on by experts. Captain Younghusband takes as text for his article on China Sir Robert Hart's opinion as to what England should do and expect in that distracted country. He differs in many points from the experienced Commissioner of Customs and adduces our action in Indian Native States as illustrative of the difficulty of introducing needed reforms. It is not all plain sailing in such States where the interests of only hundreds of thousands of inhabitants are concerned, what would it be in China where hundreds of millions of people are accustomed to ways which modern outsiders wish to see reformed "du fond." An article by Henry W. Wolff on German Anglophobia is amusing and yet instructive. Miss G. Bell has a delightful illustrated article on "The Ruins of the Hauran." The Distribution of British Ability by Havelock Ellis, and "The Evolution of the Englishman" by Horace Hutchinson should find a response in every Briton's heart and keep alive the flame and pride of patriotism. E. Sidney Hartland discusses but does not solve "The Native Problem in Car New Colonies" T. Sturge Moore writes "In defence of Reynolds" "Reflections on the Art of Life" by R. de Maulde La Claviere go fairly deep and are suggestive of a great want in modern society, that restful personal influence which was an ideal in former ages and which seems now to be utterly rejected as interfering with the whirl and rush that sweeps all along in the stream towards—where ? Anthony Hope's "Tristram of Blent" takes an unexpected turn, and we are left at a most interesting moment in the story.

THE contents of the CORNHILL for April are varied and excellent. Mrs. Ritchie's fourth Blackstick Paper is a pleasant series of reminiscences of Joseph Joachim, that eminent master of harmony. "Family Badgets" by Arthur Morrison tells how workmen and their families manage to live in dear towns on small wages, every penny having to be carefully spent and often divided. Lady Broome has a charming paper on "Interviews" in an inverted sense. The third Chapter of "A Londoner's Log-book" is amusing reading. Mr. J. Fletcher writes an account of the sea-fight between the Nymphe and the Cleopatre in 1793. Australian Memories by F. G. Aflalo draws attention to the fact that few people comparatively improve their acquaintance with that country which is well worth cultivating. Rev. W. H. Fitchett has an interesting account of the "Siege of Cawnpore" part of his Tale of the Great Mutiny.

Dewa Nilame and the senior Ratemahatmeya, Mr. Yatawara, of Lower Hewahata, were presented in turn. Then His Royal Highness addressed the Chiefs assuring them of the extreme pleasure which the members had afforded both himself and the Duchess. It was a treat which they had enjoyed immensely: it would long live in their memory and he thanked them most heartily.

Mr. Dunuwille, a member of one of the oldest Kandyan families, then addressing the Duke, in reply, on behalf of the Kandyan Chiefs, said it had given them unbounded pleasure to get up this Perahera. It was a source of great satisfaction to them to know that their humble efforts had been successful, and had met with the appreciation of Their Royal Highnesses. They begged to thank Their Royal Highnesses for condescending to witness the festival of that night, and for having selected the ancient capital of the Kandyan Kings as Their Royal Highness' residence during their stay in Ceylon. The Duke then walked round the Perahera, making several enquiries and seeming deeply interested in all details. The Perahera then continued its way through the Pavilion grounds, it being 10-45 p.m. when the last of it emerged from the gate leading into Hill Street.

H. R. H. AND THE PLANTERS.

The presentation of the Address of the Planters' Association took place shortly after noon on Saturday in the downstair sitting-room of the Pavilion. The Duke and Duchess and the Governor stood on a raised "dais," the members of the Planters' Association standing in group in front. Mr. Rosling, read the Address. It was presented in the famous gold and gem casket which Messrs. D. F. de Silva & Co. sent to last year's Paris Exposition, and was on vellum. The text was printed in black and gold with the initial letters in purple, surrounded by an ornamental border illuminated by hand. Typical Ceylon scenes were embodied in this border, with flag trophies, and in the centre at the top was the enlarged crest of the Association, with its motto "Unitas salus nostra." The wording of the address, was as follows:—

To His Royal Highness the Duke of Cornwall and York.

May it please Your Royal Highness.—We, the Planters' Association of Ceylon, beg on behalf of the Planting Community, to offer Your Royal Highness, and Her Royal Highness, the Duchess of Cornwall and York, a most loyal and hearty welcome to Kandy, the Capital of the Planting Districts.

We feel that the great occasion which draws Your Royal Highness to the Southern Hemisphere and has created for us the opportunity of receiving this gracious visit, will serve to bind, even closer than before, those ties of love which we all bear to our Sovereign and our Mother Country, and will enhance true feelings of pride in the magnificent Kingdom and Empire inherited by His Most Gracious Majesty King Edward the Seventh from Her late Majesty Queen Victoria, whose memory we shall ever revere.

Had time permitted a visit to Nuwara Eliya and the higher Planting Districts, we have no doubt Your Royal Highness would have been interested in the evidence of the great extent of the industry which we represent.

We trust, however, that Your Royal Highness may carry away none but pleasant memories of your stay in the Island, and that you will accept our assurance that in this small but loyal community there is no more loyal body of men than the Planters.

THE DUKE'S REPLY.

His Royal Highness said in reply:—

One of the most pleasant memories of my visit to Ceylon nineteen years ago, in company with my dear brother, is the loyal and enthusiastic reception accorded us by the planters of this Colony. The same kindly spirit has been displayed towards the Duchess and myself on this occasion; and we sincerely thank you for your hearty welcome, and for the loyal sentiments expressed in your address. In 1882 the great tea cultivation was yet in its infancy and Ceylon planters were still engaged with one hand combating the disease which threatened their staple, coffee, and with the other seeking for new products to replace or supplement it. To add to these difficulties came a serious financial crisis; but this combination of misfortune was faced with that intelligent resource, and with that pluck, patience, and determination which have ever characterized the planters of Ceylon. It is owing to these qualities that your products have won the high position in the markets of the world which they have enjoyed. I feel sure you are fully alive to the necessity in these days of keen competition of maintaining the same high standard of skill and energy for keeping and extending the position you have secured. I much regret that at the present time your prospects are not so bright as usual, I earnestly trust that this depression is but temporary; and I shall watch with interest for an early revival of prosperity, which you so well deserve. I thank you for the language in which you refer to the important mission with which I have been entrusted by my dear father, and for your wishes that it may serve to knit even closer the ties of affection which bind together the Empire over which His Majesty rules. I shall not fail to convey to him your expressions of loyalty and attachment to his Throne and Person, and of your reverence for the memory of our late beloved and universally mourned Sovereign.

THREE C. M. G. S. CONFERRED.

His Royal Highness, after a pause, said "I have been deputed by the King to confer the Order of St. Michael and St. George upon the gentlemen whose names will now be read to you."

Sir John Anderson then called out the names of the Hon. Messrs. Cooper and Ellis and Mr. John Henricus de Saram.

A LADY SHIKARI.

THE "Empress" with an excellent illustration of the lady and the slain panthers gives the following details:—A small "shikar" party, which consisted of Lady Jenkins, Mrs. Sanders-Slater, and Messrs. D. Lindsay and R. D. Sethna, returned to Bombay early in March after a very successful week's shoot in the Rajpipla jungle. The party started with the intention of bagging tigers, but at Dharoli, their first camping-place, "Kubbur" was received that panthers abounded in the vicinity, and it was decided to hunt spots instead of stripes, especially as it was discovered that the grass in the tiger-country was still very high. In three beats on separate days four panthers were put up, and one of these was wounded by Lady Jenkins, but got away. On the 2nd March, Lady Jenkins and Mr. Sethna occupied "machans" over a kill just after dusk, and before 7 p.m. Lady Jenkins observed two panthers approaching the kill. Of the pair, the male was quite close to Lady Jenkins, while the female was nearest Mr. Sethna's "machan." Lady Jenkins waited to allow the female to get into range for Mr. Sethna, before firing. He, however, was not able to see the female panther owing to some high grass, and at 25 yards range bowled over the male. Lady Jenkins quickly grasped the situation, and bringing off a splendid hit, shot the female panther dead at 120 yards range with her 450 "Paradox," and then gave the contents of her second barrel to the male panther which Mr. Sethna had bowled over, but not quite despatched. Lady Jenkins administered the coup de grace, and showed great nerve and presence of mind. The male panther, measured 7 feet 3 inches, and the female 6 feet 6 inches. During the week a bear was sighted, but got away. The shoot was not without incident, as during one of the beats a man got mauled about the head by a panther. His wounds were well attended to, however, and he was duly propitiated for his mishap. Mrs. Sanders-Slater and Mr. Lindsay were unlucky in not getting the opportunity for a shot at any of the "baghs" seen.

TERRIBLE ACCIDENT AT SOOCHOW.

WOMEN AND CHILDREN SUFFOCATED.

A VALUED correspondent, who is himself a medical missionary, sends the following account of a terrible accident that ocurred at Soochow on Sunday last:—

"In one of the temples which are built at the foot of a great many of the bridges here, the neighbourhood had gathered to celebrate the birthday of this god. Just as the crowd had begun to leave, the foundation next the canal gave way and the building collapsed. Word was brought to our Hospital of the accident by one of our missionaries, with the request that we would go and see if any medical assistance was needed. It was indeed a sad sight. Great crowds of people gathered in groups around the dead. We went from place to place to see if anything was needed, but the same sad sight presented itself. As we examined one after another until some thirty had been examined, we found that not a single one had had any bones broken or even been bruised. All had evidently been suffocated by the lime dust. There were no men among them, only women and children, and the greater majority were children. It was most gratifying to see how friendly every one was towards us, only two foreigners in all that great crowd. They would pull us from side to side for us to look at their loved ones.—"China Herald."

It will be remembered that a scheme for the curtailment of the crop of British-grown tea which was recently advanced by the Indian and Ceylon Tea Associations, was to be put into operation, if the number of tea concerns willing to diminish production was sufficiently large to ensure a reduction of the total crop by ten million pounds in India and eight millions in Ceylon. A telegram has just been received by the Calcutta branch of the Indian Tea Association from the London branch to the effect that a sufficient number of Indian concerns have agreed to reduce, but that the result in Ceylon will not be known for a few days.

IMPORTS by sea into Calcutta from foreign countries during March again showed a large increase on the previous year. The total imports were valued at 368 lakhs or an increase of nine per cent. This advance would have been much greater, but for a large decrease in receipts of bullion and specie, for the value of merchandize was better by as much as twenty-one per cent., the increase being nearly 56 lakhs. Both silver and gold were imported in smaller quantities; in value the former fell by eleven and the latter by thirteen lakhs. Of the gold nearly forty lakhs consisted of sovereigns, almost all of which was received from Australia. With the exception of kerosine oil, imports of which from the United States were much less, it is difficult to find any important branch of trade with any great falling off in value. Grain and pulse certainly dropped in quantity, but it was only natural that such should be the case. In cotton goods the increase was as much as thirty-seven lakhs. Metals rose by five lakhs and sugar by over four lakhs, nearly all of which consisted of German and American sugar. Even Indian ports coastal sugar was received to the extent of 14,149 cwt. Machinery, oils, hardware, railway plant and provisions all showed a larger demand, and miscellaneous imports improved by over nine lakhs.

HIGH COURT.—APPELLATE SIDE.

(Before the Hon. Mr. JUSTICE CANDY and the Hon. Mr. JUSTICE FULTON.)

MURDER OF A WIFE.

EMPERATOR vs. ATMARAM TUKARAM.

THIS was an appeal from a decision of Mr. E. M. Pratt, Sessions Judge of Sholapur Bijapur, who, in February last, convicted the accused of murder and sentenced him to transportation for life.

The accused was charged with the murder of Tanu, his wife, about twenty years of age. He married her by "Moshotur" about six months before, and went with her to Bombay, where he found work as a dock labourer. Her father Sadashiv said that two months after the marriage, he went to Bombay to induce the accused to allow his wife to return to her village on a visit to her parents. Accused refused to receive him and used violent language, saying he would let his wife return dead, but not alive. Subsequently Tanu's mother fell ill, and her brother Nagu went to Bombay on the same errand. Accused at first refused to send his wife, but after some days yielded to his entreaty and sent her home. The accused said Nagu took her away while he was absent and without his consent. The evidence shewed that Tanu did really run away from the accused's house in Bombay. The accused followed her in a day or two to her village. He lived with his wife there for about a month in a lodging provided by his father-in-law. Accused and his wife afterwards went and lived in a hut at Kotwalli, close to a field belonging to Manjula, sister of the deceased Tanu. It appeared that there the accused and his wife used to quarrel. On the morning of the 17th January last, Manjula invited the accused and his wife to breakfast. Tanu came towards her in answer to her invitation, when the accused got up and dragged her back. Manjula called out to him "are you going to beat?" when the accused picked up a crowbar that was lying near his hut, and stuck Tanu on the head twice, and after she had fallen, again on her body. Manjula tried to interfere, but accused struck at her; and as she put her hand over her head, the blow inflicted a wound on her right hand and head. People ran up on hearing Manjula's cries, and the accused dropped the crowbar and ran away. Information was at once given to the patel. The accused's dhotar was blood stained when he was arrested. The accused made a confession on the 19th January. He said that he objected to his wife going to Manjula's hut, as she had two servants, Mala and Rama, who were also her paramours. These two men bore him ill will, and Malu's wife was murdered by them last year, as they suspected her of being the accused's witness. Accused further said that Manjula endeavored to take his wife by force to her hut, and that when he interfered, both the women turned on him and begin to beat him. In self-defence he picked up the crowbar and struck his wife with it, not meaning to kill her. The Sessions Judge convicted the accused of murder; but as the offence was not premeditated and the accused received some provocation, he sentenced him to transportation for life.

Their lordships saw no reason to interfere and dismissed the appeal.

PROFESSOR JACKSON'S FINAL LECTURE.

BEFORE taking his departure from Bombay last night for the southern presidency, Professor Jackson delivered his final lecture at the Framjee Cowasjee Institute yesterday. Shams-ul-Ulma Jivanjee Jamsetjee Mody presided; and there was again a crowded audience of Parsee ladies and gentlemen. The lecturer began by expressing his acknowledgements to the scholars in Bombay who had met him not only on that platform, but had rendered him willing assistance in their private hours. He said he felt very thankful to the Parsees for his kind reception and for the kindly manner in which he had been greeted everywhere in Parsee circles. He recapitulated the salient points and doctrines in the sacred books of Zarathushtra, which he had touched upon in his former lectures. He expatiated on the doctrine of Amesaspand, which he said, conveyed the idea of ministering angels. The Professor cited from old writers passages illustrative of the antiquity of the doctrine. At the close of the lecture, which was frequently greeted with applause, the chairman expressed his own and the thanks of his community to Professor Jackson for the evening's lecture and the more learned lectures which had preceded it. They had awakened in the Parsee community a spirit of curiosity and interest about their prophet and his writings, with a fervency which was truly surprising. The proceedings terminated with the customary compliment to the chairman. Professor Jackson, as he left the hall, was greeted with peals of cheers.

ALLEGED CHEATING BY A EUROPEAN.

FURTHER ADJOURNMENT.

W. H. G. Ulett, alias Lieutenant J. Danvers, otherwise J. Tyler, aged 28, was again placed before Mr. J. Sanders-Slater, Chief Presidency Magistrate, to-day, charged with cheating on the 16th March last, the firm of William Watson and Co., at Bombay, by presenting a cheque on the Alliance Bank of Simla for Rs. 250 to be cashed, knowing that he had no account with the Bank at the time. Police Inspector Sloane prosecuted.

Mr. Sealy, pleader, who appeared for the accused, asked for an adjournment, stating that accused's father had just come to Bombay from up-country and had given him instructions. Mr. Sealy further stated that there would be no defence to the charges pending against the accused, and his client would help the police as much as he could in their investigations.

Mr. Sealy's application was granted and the case was postponed to the afternoon of the 23th instant.

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THE sealing vessel Aurora arrived at St. John's on the 22nd March from the sealing grounds with 32,000 seals, worth 80,000 dollars. The whole catch was made in twelve days. The Aurora confirms the good reports already received regarding the other vessels. The Diana had signalled that she had a full load. The total catch is estimated at 400,000. The Ranger has 24,000, and the Algerine 14,000.

VERY stringent precautions have been taken by the local authorities against the importation of plague into Jullundur city. All entrances to the city are garded by police, and all arrivals from plague-suspected parts of the district are detained in quarantine, and no one from the places actually infected is allowed to enter Jullundur. The most noticeable feature of the whole arrangement is the hearty manner in which people of all classes are co-operating with the authorities in endeavouring to keep the city of Jullundur altogether free from the plague. So far these endeavours have been a success; as not a single case has occurred in Jullundur.

MR. H. J. WILSON, M.P., has placed on the Orders of the House of Commons the following notice of motion: "To call attention to the Indo-Chinese opium trade, and to move: That in the revision of treaty relations between this country and China, it is desirable to offer to the Chinese Government complete freedom to take such measures, whether by increased taxation or otherwise, as it may judge necessary, for the suppression of the opium traffic." The Society for the Suppression of the Opium Trade has prepared and issued to members of Parliament a statement, with appendices, in support of the motion.

THE unenviable notoriety which the Shanghai papers have already earned, writes the "Englishman" is likely to be increased by the stories they are now spreading regarding the alleged Shansi atrocities. A Shanghai journal defends its conduct in publishing the most revolting details concerning the tortures it states two missionary ladies were put to, in the following words: "There has been a tendency since it was found out that the foreigners in the Legations at Pekin were not massacred to discredit the reports of atrocities that have only passed from mouth to mouth, and we think it right to publish this small part of the truth." Let us see by the journals own showing how "this small part of the truth was arrived at. The paper's informant is a gentleman who got the story from a Chinese convert, who again derived this knowledge from two other converts. Even these latter did not witness the incidents they describe, but had it from some other converts. It was precisely on evidence of this kind that reports were spread of the massacre of the Legations. It was from Chinese converts that Shanghai got hold of the terrible stories regarding events at Peitang and Paoting-fu. As we now know, missionaries were not tortured either in the Legations, or at Peitang, or at Paoting-fu. Indeed there is absolutely no evidence that the Chinese tortured any missionaries anywhere. It is true that a number of missionaries, men, women, and children, have been killed, but their deaths were sudden, if violent. On the other hand, there are hundreds of witnesses to the atrocities committed by the Russians and Japs, the latter resorting to tortures of which the educated Chinese have never been guilty of.

HERE, THERE, AND EVERYWHERE.

WITH reference to the coinage of King Edward, which has been the subject of so much conjecture, one thing may be safely predicted. On the new coinage the head of the King will be turned towards the right side of the coin, whereas the head of Queen Victoria was turned towards the left of the coin. It is not generally known that the head of the new Sovereign on a new coinage is always turned in the opposite direction to that of his predecessor.

For simple rustic attractiveness the name of the newly-formed National Sweet Pea Society would be very hard to beat. The White Rose Society seems artificial and sophisticated in comparison with it. It was initiated in the urban atmosphere of the Hotel Windsor, on the recommendation of the General Committee of the Sweet Pea Bicentenary Celebration. Rules were prepared, Vice-Presidents nominated, and all due and proper proceedings taken. An exhibition will be held during the summer.

A remarkable fragment of history was given to the world in the pages of the "Sun," under the lugubrious heading of "Things Lost for Ever." We were informed that in 1851 Victor Emmanuel, formerly King only of Sardinia, by his proclamation of the independence of Italy extinguished the ancient Powers of Venice, Milan, Sicily, and Sardinia. The accepted version of the facts in regard to Venice is that it was handed over to Louis Napoleon by Austria after the war of 1859, and by him passed on to Victor Emmanuel. "At the same time," continues our contemporary, "the once great temporal power of the Pope was lost." It is usually considered that this happened in 1870, when the French garrison was withdrawn from Rome, owing to the Franco-Prussian War. "Bismarck," the lesson concludes, "in 1871 finally obliterated from the map of the world the former powerful Kingdoms of Hanover, Bavaria, and Saxony." The facts are that Hanover was obliterated in 1866, while Bavaria and Saxony have never been obliterated at all.

Who was the original Juggins? Dr. Murray, editor of the Oxford English Dictionary, is asking how the current slang use of that surname in the sense simpleton, one easily imposed upon, arose. He will be glad if any one can tell him "whether a Mr. Juggins figures in this character in any novel, play, or farce." The slang use, it appears, goes back to the later eighties. It was used by the "Pall Mall Gazette" on November 30, 1888, and by Sir W. Besant in "The Bell of St. Paul's" in 1889. Browning says somewhere:

I must learn Spanish one of these days,
Only for that slow sweet name's sake.

We wonder if any foreigner has ever been similarly fired by the name of Juggins.

We understand that there are no prospects of Oxford and Cambridge accepting the challenge from Yale and Harvard to a meeting in New York in July. The terms of Oxford and Cambridge do not close till late in June, and one at least of the Light Blues will be engaged in cricket during the month. If the Americans can accept September, the Englishmen will visit the States.

A singularly close parallel to the Simplon ice avalanche is furnished by the accident on the Gemmi between five and six years ago. The Altels Glacier towers above the Gemmi much as the Rossboden Glacier towers above the Simplon. One day in September, in the early hours of the morning it broke in two, and the lower half came clattering down the hill. It knocked over and buried chalets, killed six persons in their beds, and destroyed more than 150 head of cattle. The noise of the fall was audible as far away as Frutigen, in the Kander Valley.

Written interrogatories passing between parties to an action are only occasionally light reading. This one was recently submitted to a plaintiff: "Did you or did you not meet the defendant on the tenth of December, 1900? Did you then have an interview with the defendant upon the matters in question in this action or not?" The answer to this was drafted as follows: "I did meet the defendant on that day. He knocked me down, and broke two of my front teeth. Save as aforesaid, I had no interview with the defendant."

Mr. Macartney resents the suggestion of the "Times" that the exclusion of himself and Mr. Powell Williams from the reconstructed Ministry was due to to their method of dealing with the cordite contract and has been anxious to bring the article under the attention of the House of Commons. The Speaker, however, is of opinion (the Press Association states) that the article does not come within the limits of a breach of privilege, as it does not contain a charge against either of the two members, but is rather in the nature of an inference, not involving a charge, drawn from certain public proceedings. When the Prime Minister returns to the House of Lords it is probable he will be questioned on the subject. Mr. Macartney reserves to himself all legal rights.

Lord Stanley, M. P., Financial Secretary to the War Office, spoke at Liverpool on the lessons of the war. He said that the military branch of the War Office could not be given an entirely free hand so long as the Secretary of State for War was told, as he must be, responsible for all expenditure and shortcomings. The real commandant would, however, always be the Commander-in-Chief, whom the country would always support if his case was the right one and if the best interests of the Army were being thwarted. The war had shown that we were a peaceloving but warlike nation, but rather hysterical and suspicious. Occasionally the officers had shown even greater heroism than their heroic soldiers, but there had been a failing to take responsibility, largely owing to the fact that the public were known to be ready to prejudge the case against them on evidence that could not possibly be sifted. He condemned the vicious practice of publishing private letters from the front from men who couldn't possibly judge of intention or events, and upon whose letters great reputations were sometimes attacked. He deprecated any further Government inquiry as to the conduct of officers in South Africa, and said reform and not revolution was what was required at the War Office.

A serious tramcar accident occurred recently at Ewood Blackburn, through a collision between two electric cars. The official account of the accident states that eleven people were injured. The collision was between a Blackburn car and one from Darwen. A man named Harwood was in charge of the former when it left the terminus, but when nearing the scene of the disaster Richard Knowles, who is learning to be a driver, boarded the car and took charge. Harwood was at his elbow, but bent down to pick up something and on rising again saw the other car approaching. "Look out!" both men simultaneously exclaimed, and Harwood, pushing Knowles on one side, applied both the electric and hand brake, but the impact occurred before he could bring the car to a standstill.

The Bishop of Bath and Wells, in collating the late Bishop of the Falkland Islands (Dr. Stirling) to the canonry in Wells Cathedral vacant by the retirement of Chancellor Bernard, paid a very handsome tribute to the latter. He spoke of him as "one of the most saintly and beloved of English clergymen. For over thirty years he has filled offices in the Cathedral of this city in such a manner as to endear himself to all who live in this place, to help them by his words, to advise them by his counsel, and to be a true friend and brother to all whom he could in any way assist. His eloquence and power of teaching have scarcely been surpassed in this city and in connexion with this Cathedral." He expressed his satisfaction that Canon Bernard would remain Chancellor and Prebendary; and proceeded to pass a warm eulogium on his successor, who had encountered extraordinary dangers and difficulties in his missionary work.

In the Court of Common Council, after some heated discussion, on a motion by Mr. Morton, seconded by Mr. Wallace and ruled out of order by the Lord Mayor as to the reduction of the income the election of a rector of St. Peter, Cornhill, in place of the late Prebendary Wittington, took place at the Guildhall. The circumstances of the parish and the reduction of the income to about one-half its former value—about a thousand pounds being allotted to four poor parishes—have already appeared in the "Westminster Gazette." At the first ballot the numbers were: Doughty and Walters, 45 each; Buckland, 31; Gardiner, 30. The Rev. C. Doughty, curate of Wanstead, a Commoner of the City, was elected at the final ballot by a large majority. It is worth noting that two curates were preferred to an archdeacon, an editor, a vicar and a quondam secretary, and a former Chaplain of the Foundling.

"Its betting tips in the past are known by me to have brought trouble into a well-known Nonconformist family." Thus a leading proprietor of the "Daily News" under the latest regime, Mr. George Cadbury, in a letter to the "British Weekly. Mr. Cadbury writes to our contemporary to point out that a few weeks ago the managers of the "Daily News" discontinued to publish betting forecast and to insert the letters by 'Meteor.' Mr. Cadbury remarks: "It would be most inconsistent for those who purchased the paper with the desire that it should bring the ethical teaching of Jesus Christ to bear upon national questions to give betting tips, and thus encourage one of the greatest national curses.

Here is an item which will cheer the heart of Mr. Charles Charrington, of Southborough, near Tunbridge Wells, in making a municipal theatre pay. The building cost £6,000, half of which was given by Sir David Solomon and the other half by the rate-payers, and the theatre is controlled by the District Council, the first year's working of which has resulted in a profit of £200. After a small sum has been deducted for expenses the profit will go in relief of the rates.

At Gloucestershire the other day a person described as "a ladylike young woman" pleaded guilty to stealing a dress skirt from the outside of a draper's shop, saying she did soas she had no money to pay her lodging. The husband of the accused, an insurance agent, of Bristol, came forward and said that a few years ago a scoundrel gained the affections of his wife and deceived her. She had a child by this man, a Bristol solicitor (who had since died in an asylum), and after this he (the husband) lived apart from her. Her betrayer deserted her, and she had since been driven from place to place. If the Bench would deal leniently with her he would help her. One of the justices said it seemed a pity for two young lives to be parted. The woman had suffered for her wrong: could not the husband take her back? After a moment's thought the husband said he would do so, and would do his best for her. The bench expressed approval of the husband's conduct, and the accused, who had kept her face covered with a handkerchief and sobbed convulsively, was discharged on the rising of the Court.

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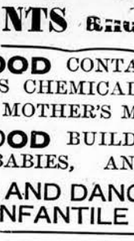
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BY ANTHONY HOPE.

"WHAT is the harm," I asked at lunch, "in being fat?" And I looked round the table.

I had led up to this subject because something which fell from Mrs. Hilary Musgrave the other day led me to suppose that I might appear to be growing stouter than I used to be.

"It doesn't matter in a man," said Nellie Phaeton.

"That," I observed, "is merely part of the favourite pretence of your sex."

"And what's that, Mr. Carter?" asked Dolly.

"That you're indifferent to a pleasing appearance in man. It won't go down."

"It would, if you ate less," said Dolly, wilfully misunderstanding me.

"Napoleon was fat," remarked Archie. He is studying history.

"Mamma is rather fat," said Lady Jane, breaking a long silence. Her tone seemed to imply that it was a graceful concession on the Dowager's part.

"I shouldn't say you ever had much of a figure," observed Dolly, gazing at me dispassionately.

"Mamma," resumed Lady Jane, with an amiable desire to give me useful information, "drinks nothing but lemonade. I make it hot for her, and——"

"I should like to do that," said I longingly.

"It's the simplest thing in the world," cried Lady Jane. "You can do it for yourself. You just take——"

"A pretty girl," I murmured absently. "I—I beg your pardon, Lady Jane. You see, Miss Phaeton is opposite, and my thoughts wandered."

"It's no use talkin' sensibly where you are," said Miss Nellie very severely, as she rose from the table.

"Won't anyone have any rice pudding?" asked Archie appealingly.

"If I were a camel, I would," said I.

"Why a camel, Mr. Carter?" asked Lady Jane.

"A camel, Lady Jane, is so instructed that it could keep one exclusively for rice pudding."

"One what, Mr. Carter?"

I strolled to the window, where Dolly stood looking out.

"Dear Jane!" said Dolly. "She never sees anything."

"I wish there were more like her," said I cordially. "She doesn't inherit it from her mother, though."

"No, the Dowager sees a great deal more than there is there," laughed Dolly, glancing at me.

"But fortunately," said I, "not all there is in other places."

"Mamma says——" we heard Lady Jane remarking at the table. We strolled out into the garden.

"Now isn't that provoking?" cried Dolly. "They haven't rolled the tennis-lawn, and the people will be here directly."

"Shall I ask Archie to ask somebody to get somebody?"

"They're all gone to dinner, I expect. Suppose you roll it, Mr. Carter? It'll be so good for you. Exercise is what you want."

"Exercise is, no doubt, what I need," said I, doubtfully eyeing the roller.

"It's the same thing," said Dolly.

"It's an Eternal Antithesis," said I, taking off my coat.

I began to roll. Dolly stood watching me for a moment. Then she went indoors. I went on rolling. Presently, raising my eyes from my task, I found the curate looking on; he was in flannels and carried a racket.

"Although," I observed to the curate, "I have convinced my reason that there is no harm in being fat, yet, sooner than be fat, I roll. Can you explain that?"

"Reason is not everything," said the curate.

"Your cloth obliges you to that," said I suspiciously.

"I'm in flannels to-day," rejoined the curate with a smile.

I liked that. I loosed my hold of the roller and took the curate's arm. We began to walk up and down.

"There is also," said I, "romance."

"There's little enough of that for most of us," said the curate.

"There has been too much for some of us," I returned. "But the lawn is smooth where the roller has been. The bumps—the pleasant bumps—are gone."

"They spoil the game," observed the curate.

"They made the game," said I, frowning a little. There was silence for a minute. Then the curate asked,

"Is Lady Jane going to play to-day?"

"I seemed like Fate with that roller," said I "or like Time."

The curate smiled absently.

"Or like Mortality," I pursued.

The curate smiled indulgently. He was in flannels, good man.

"As to Lady Jane," said I, recollecting myself, "I don't know."

"It's of no consequence," murmured the curate.

At once I knew that it was of consequence—to the curate. But my thoughts drifted in another direction and, when I emerged from the reverie, I saw Lady Jane and the curate strolling together on the lawn, and Lady Mickleham approaching me in a white gown; she carried a red parasol.

"Archie and Nellie will be out directly," said she, "and then you can begin."

"They can," said I, putting on my coat and lighting a cigarette.

"Look at that poor dear man with Jane!" exclaimed Dolly.

"Now should you have thought that Jane was the sort of person to—?"

"Everybody," said I, "is the sort of person—if the other person is."

"Of course he knows it's hopeless. The Dowager wouldn't hear of it."

"Really? And she hears of so many things!"

Dolly, after a contemptuous glance, began to inspect the lawn. I retired into the shade and sat down. Lady Jane and the curate strolled on a little further off. Presently I was roused by an accusing cry from Dolly.

"She's found a bump," said I to myself, shaking my head.

"You never can do things properly," said Dolly, walking up to me.

"I certainly can't do many things in the way I should prefer," I admitted.

"You've left a great bump in the middle of the court!"

My eyes strayed from Dolly to Lady Jane and the curate, and thence back to Dolly.

"It's not my bump," said I, "it's the curate's."

"You're getting into the habit," remarked Dolly, "of being unintelligible. I'm sure there's nothing clever in it. I met a man the other day who said he never understood what you meant."

"You'd understand if you'd stayed; why did you go away?"

"To change," answered Dolly.

I was pleased.

"It's an old trick of yours," said I.

"What did you mean by the bump being the curate's?" asked Dolly, returning to the point.

I entered into an explanation. There was plenty of time; the curate and Lady Jane were strolling the click of billiard balls through the open windows accounted for Nellie and Archie.

"I see," said Dolly. "Poor man! Do you think he'd like it left?"

I walked leisurely towards the roller, Dolly following me.

"If it were my bump—" said I, laying hold of the roller and looking at Lady Mickleham.

Lady Mickleham smiled—under protest. It is a good enough variety of smile.

"If it were my bump," said I, "I should reduce it—so—and so again," and twice I passed the roller gently over the bump.

"It's awfully small now," said Dolly, and her voice sounded regretful.

"It's not so large as it was," said I cheerfully.

Dolly let down her parasol with a jerk.

"You're horribly disagreeable to-day," she said.

I leant on the handle of the roller and smiled.

"You're very rude and—and——"

"Nobody," said I, "likes to be told that he has no figure."

"You are an Apollo, Mr. Carter," said Dolly.

That was handsome enough.

"I would let it alone, if it were my bump," said I.

"Hang these rollers!"

"It is your bump," said Dolly.

As she spoke Archie came out of the billiard-room. Lady Jane and the curate hastened to join us.

Archie inspected the lawn.

"Why, it's been rolled!" he cried.

"I rolled it," said I proudly.

"Jove!" said Archie. "Hullo, though, old chap, you haven't been over here."

He had found the bump.

"I have been over there," said I, "oftener than anywhere else."

"Give me the——"

"Now, Archie, do begin to play," said Dolly suddenly.

"Oh, well, one doesn't hurt," said Archie.

"It won't hurt much," said the curate; upon which I smiled at Lady Jane.

"What is it, Mr Carter?" she asked.

"He's so right, you know," said I.—*Westminster.*

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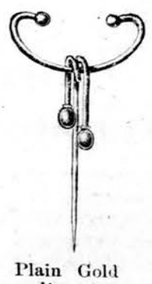

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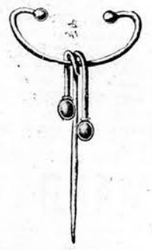

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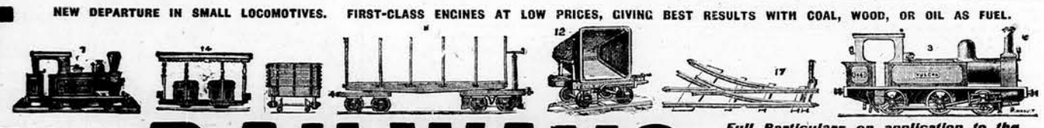

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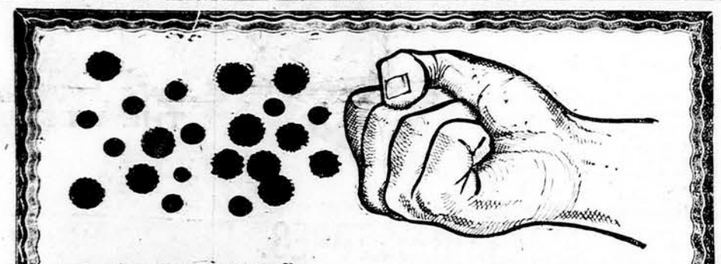

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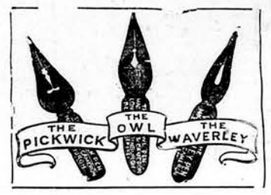

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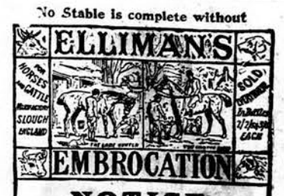

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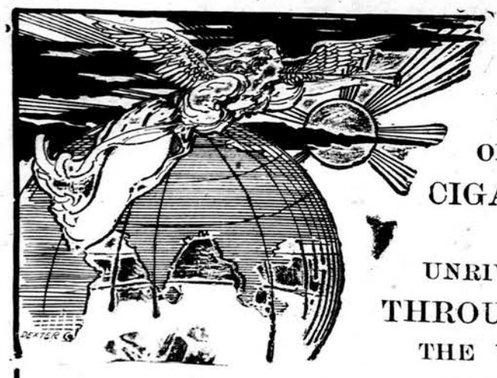

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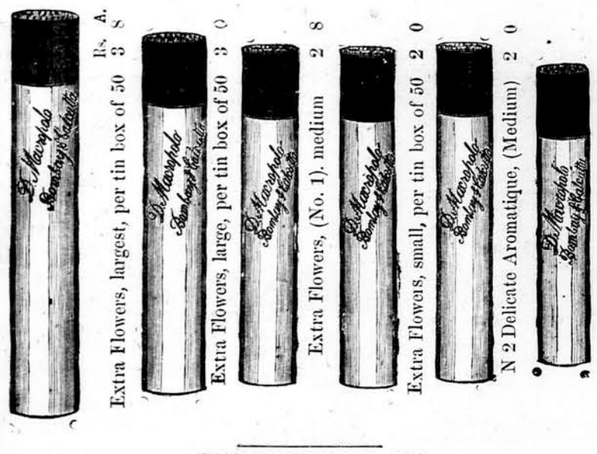

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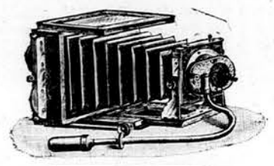

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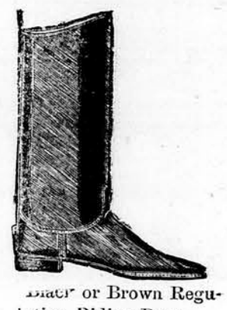

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